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1                   [The Board of Supervisors did not meet in  
2                   closed session Tuesday, November 20, 2007.]

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6   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD MORNING. I ASK THE MEETING TO COME  
7   TO ORDER, THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOW IN  
8   SESSION. I ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND  
9   THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY THE  
10  REVEREND WAYNE CHRISTENSON OF THE FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH IN  
11  CANOGA PARK. AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY JOE  
12  JUAREZ, COMMANDER OF AMVETS POST NUMBER 2, FROM CULVER CITY.  
13  PASTOR CHRISTENSON?

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15  **REVEREND WAYNE CHRISTENSON:** WONDERFUL. I BRING A POEM FROM AN  
16  EASTERN TRADITION. AND AS WE'RE APPROACHING THANKSGIVING AND  
17  THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HARVEST, WE'RE REMINDED TO LOOK AT THE  
18  SIMPLICITY OF A SIMPLE STICK OF BAMBOO AND HOW THAT CAN BE  
19  USED IN SERVICE OF HUMANKIND. MAY OUR CORNER OF THE EARTH JOIN  
20  US IN BLESSING THE LORD. FRUIT LADEN PAPAYAS, FIG TREES IN  
21  BUD, YOU GUAVAS, REplete WITH PROMISE. BOUGAINVILLEAS OF EVERY  
22  COLOR. BEANS THAT TWIST AND CLAMOR. TOMATOES AND ALL GREEN  
23  VEGETABLES AND YOU FIELDS OF RICE IN THE VALLEYS, OH PRAISE  
24  THE MARVELS OF THE LORD. AND YOU, BAMBOO, WHO OWN NEITHER  
25  FLOWER NOR FRUITS, SING A SONG OF PRAISE TO THE LORD, FOR YOU



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1 ARE RICH IN OTHER WAYS. SUPPLE AND LIVELY, HOLD YOUR HEAD  
2 HIGH. YIELD BEFORE THE STORM, BUT DO NOT BREAK. YOUR SHOOTS,  
3 HUGGING TO ONE ANOTHER ALL CLOSE, WILL CONFRONT THE HURRICANE.  
4 THEN WHEN IT HAS PAST, LIFT UP YOUR HEAD AND IF THE TYPHOON  
5 SWEEPS YOU AWAY, LET IT CARRY YOU WITH IT. SOMEONE WILL FIND  
6 YOU LYING ON THE ROAD OR MAYBE YOU WILL KINDLE A POOR MAN'S  
7 FIRE OR BE MADE INTO A BALANCE POLE TO EASE MEN'S BURDENS. IF  
8 NEED SHOULD ARISE, LET YOURSELF BE SPLIT INTO STRIPS BY THE  
9 HAND OF A CLEVER CRAFTSMAN, THUS YOU WILL BECOME A MAT OR A  
10 BASKET, A BROOM OR A BRUSH. AGAIN, ON DEMAND, LET YOURSELF BE  
11 USED WHOLE, WITHOUT HESITATION, TO SUPPORT THE SAIL OF A  
12 STURDY JUNK OR ENABLE A FISHERMAN TO CAST HIS NET. IN YOU,  
13 BAMBOO, SOME WILL SEEK INSPIRATION TO GUIDE THEIR BRUSH TOWARD  
14 LINES OF BEAUTY OR TO MAKE OF YOU A FLUTE OR A PIPE. LET  
15 YOURSELF BE EMPTIED OF SELF THAT YOU MAY SING A MELODY NEW.  
16 SOME MAY TRY TO MAKE OF YOU A BARRIER TO SEPARATE PEOPLE ONE  
17 FROM ANOTHER. THEN LET YOUR LEAFAGE VIBRATE WITH THE RUSTLE OF  
18 A CALL THAT WILL RESOUND NEAR AND FAR AND INVITE THEM,  
19 INSTEAD, TO LIVE IN UNITY AND LOVE.

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21 **JOE JUAREZ:** HANDS ON YOUR HEART, PLEASE. I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE  
22 TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE  
23 REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD,  
24 INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF  
2 APPRECIATION, COME ON UP HERE, TO REVEREND WAYNE CHRISTENSON,  
3 WHO I HAVE TO SAY, THAT WAS A UNIQUE AND VERY PLEASANTLY  
4 UNIQUE INVOCATION THIS MORNING AND WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH  
5 AND THE MESSAGE BEHIND IT. REVEREND WAYNE CHRISTENSON IS THE  
6 PASTOR AT FAITH LUTHERAN IN CANOGA PARK. HE ALSO SERVES AS AN  
7 AIDS COUNSELOR FOR AIDS PROJECT LOS ANGELES, A COUNSELOR AT  
8 THE VALLEY INTERFAITH AND HE A MEMBER OF THE SAN FERNANDO  
9 VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. REVEREND CHRISTENSON WAS ORDAINED  
10 AT PACIFIC LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. AND HE HAS SERVED AS  
11 A CHAPLAIN AT CEDARS-SINAI MEDICAL CENTER. AND AS I THINK YOU  
12 CAN TELL, WHEN HE WALKS IN THE ROOM, HIS PRESENCE AND THE  
13 PRESENCE OF GOD IS IN THE ROOM. SO WE WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH  
14 THIS CERTIFICATE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
15 TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE AS OUR PLEDGE VETERAN,  
20 JOE JUAREZ. AND HE IS A MEMBER OF AMVETS POST NUMBER 2, CULVER  
21 CITY, CALIFORNIA. HE'S A COMMANDER. HE SERVED IN THE MILITARY  
22 FROM 1974 TO 1998 AS A MASTER SERGEANT IN THE U.S. AIR FORCE.  
23 HE HAD VARIOUS THEATERS, KOREA AND OTHERS. HE RECEIVED THE AIR  
24 FORCE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL, AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL,  
25 AIR FORCE ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL,



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1 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL, AND AIR  
2 FORCE EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL. HE'S A PHOTOGRAPHER PRESENTLY WITH  
3 THE 61ST COMMUNICATIONS SQUAD OF THE AIR FORCE, WORKS FOR THE  
4 DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN, HE'S LIVED  
5 IN THE DISTRICT FOR 51 YEARS, ATTENDED SANTA MONICA HIGH  
6 SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SACHI WILL CALL THE AGENDA.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
11 BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, SET MATTERS. ON  
12 ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF  
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO  
14 JANUARY 15TH, 2008, AT 11:30 A.M. AND ALSO, THERE IS A REQUEST  
15 FROM THE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD IT AND THEN WE'LL  
18 CONTINUE IT -- INTEND TO CONTINUE IT. NEXT ITEM.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6. ON  
21 ITEM NUMBER 3, THE C.E.O. WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO AMEND THIS  
22 RECOMMENDATION TO STATE THAT THE SKID ROW HOUSING TRUST SHALL  
23 NOT EXCEED A TERM OF TWO YEARS AND A TOTAL CONTRACT COST OF  
24 \$200,000. AND THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
25 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS--



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THE  
3 AMENDMENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT. AND THEN WE'LL HOLD  
4 IT FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, THANKS.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
7 YOU.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. BURKE MOVES, MOLINA SECONDS,  
10 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7 THROUGH 48. ON  
13 ITEM NUMBER 8, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
14 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
15 TWO WEEKS TO DECEMBER 4TH, 2007.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE  
18 ORDER.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A  
21 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 11, SUPERVISOR BURKE  
2 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO NOVEMBER  
3 27TH, 2007.

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5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE  
6 ORDER.

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8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM  
9 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 16, AS INDICATED ON THE  
14 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
15 BE CONTINUED. ALTHOUGH SHE ASKS FOR IT TO BE CONTINUED TWO  
16 WEEKS, SHE WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THAT TO ONE WEEK, TO NOVEMBER  
17 27TH, 2007.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S ITEM 15?

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 16.

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 16. ALL RIGHT, WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT  
24 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 38, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM  
2 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 43,  
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM  
4 44, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH  
5 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS  
6 DEPARTMENT. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM WAS BEING REFERRED BACK? 44?

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 44.

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12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THE REST OF THE ITEMS ARE  
13 BEFORE US?

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT.

16

17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS;  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 24, ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION,  
21 ITEMS 49 THROUGH 50, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE  
22 RECORD. ON ITEM 49, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 2,  
23 ADMINISTRATION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE, RELATING TO THE  
24 TREATMENT OF ANY LUMP SUM AMOUNT RECEIVED BY THE GENERAL  
25 RELIEF APPLICANT AND/OR PARTICIPANT.



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS; UNANIMOUS  
3 VOTE.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 50, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
6 AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE,  
7 RELATING TO THE ADDITION, DELETION AND CHANGING OF CERTAIN  
8 CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS AND VARIOUS  
9 DEPARTMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE FINDINGS OF CLASSIFICATION  
10 STUDIES AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS. AND ALSO ON THIS  
11 ITEM, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
12 THIS ITEM.

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14 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WE'LL HOLD IT.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM 51 WILL HOLD FOR A  
17 REPORT. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE  
18 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS  
19 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 52-A, THERE IS A  
20 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
21 52-B, THERE IS ALSO A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO  
22 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 26, NOTICE OF CLOSED SESSION, ITEM CS-  
23 1 AND AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
24 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
25 NOVEMBER 27TH, 2007.



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL

6 DISTRICT NO. 5.

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8 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. FIRST LET ME MAKE A SPECIAL

9 PRESENTATION TO A NEW CONSUL GENERAL. WE'RE HONORED THIS

10 MORNING TO WELCOME THE HONORABLE EDDIE BEDON, THE CONSUL

11 GENERAL OF ECUADOR TO LOS ANGELES. OUR NEW CONSUL GENERAL HAS

12 AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN BUSINESS AND ACADEMIA AS WELL AS IN

13 FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE EARNED HIS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

14 IN SPAIN, AND TOOK ADVANCED COURSES IN ADMINISTRATION AT THE

15 TECHNOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF SUPERIOR STUDIES IN MEXICO, AND IN

16 BUSINESS SCHOOL IN COSTA RICA. HE WAS ALSO THE RECIPIENT OF A

17 SCHOLARSHIP FROM UNESCO IN PARIS, FRANCE. FOLLOWING HIS

18 STUDIES, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE SEVENTH SMALL BUSINESS FORUM,

19 ORGANIZED BY THE WORLD BANK IN BOLIVIA. HE HAS BEEN A

20 UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AND PHILOSOPHY AT THE

21 SPELMAN SCHOOL FOR WOMEN, AND HE SERVED IN HIGH POSITIONS IN

22 THE ECUADORIAN MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE, ENERGY AND

23 MINES, AND FINANCE AND THE TREASURY. HE HAS ALSO HELD NUMEROUS

24 EXECUTIVE POSITIONS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. MOST RECENTLY,

25 CONSUL GENERAL BEDON HAS BEEN PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR AND PRIVATE



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1 SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT OF ECUADOR, DR. RAFAEL CORREA  
2 DELGADO. HIS WIFE, RENA, HAS ACCOMPANIED HIM TO LOS ANGELES  
3 ALONG WITH THEIR CHILDREN, MARIA GLORIA, 17 YEARS OLD, AND  
4 RAFAEL, WHO IS 7, AND DOMENICA, WHO IS 5. WE ARE ALL VERY  
5 PLEASED TO WELCOME CONSUL GENERAL BEDON TO HIS NEW POST AS  
6 CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES. AND ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS, WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU AS WE  
8 CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL TIES  
9 BETWEEN THE MORE THAN 10 MILLION PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTY AND THE  
10 PEOPLE OF ECUADOR. CONSUL GENERAL, WELCOME. [APPLAUSE.]

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12 **HONORABLE EDDIE BEDON ORBE:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH). GOOD  
13 MORNING. (SPEAKING IN SPANISH).

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15 **TRANSLATOR FOR MR. BEDON ORBE:** HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY,  
16 CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, MEMBERS  
17 YVONNE B. BURKE, GLORIA MOLINA, DON KNABE, AND MICHAEL  
18 ANTONOVICH, MRS. LOURDES SAAB, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL,  
19 OFFICE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, FRIENDS AND SPECIAL  
20 GUESTS, GOOD MORNING. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO  
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR THIS WARM  
22 WELCOME. I HAVE BEEN A FEW MONTHS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AND I  
23 LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT I FEEL AT HOME. FOR THE HOSPITALITY  
24 EXTENDED TO ME FROM THE COMMUNITY AND ALL THE FRIENDS. ONE OF  
25 MY PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES DURING MY CONSULAR MISSION IN LOS



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1 ANGELES IS TO WORK HARD TO ENHANCE THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY  
2 RELATIONSHIP AND MUTUAL COOPERATION. A GOOD EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC  
3 ADMINISTRATION IS WHAT YOU ALL PERFORM, SUPERVISORS IN ONE OF  
4 THE LARGEST COUNTIES OF LOS ANGELES IN THE UNITED STATES. I  
5 WISH TO FOCUS IN EXCHANGES IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH, EDUCATION,  
6 PLANNING, PUBLIC WORKS, AND ALL OTHER SERVICES IN THE BENEFIT  
7 OF THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE HONORING THE TEACHERS TODAY. AND IT'S A  
12 GREAT PLEASURE TO BRING UP FROM THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL  
13 DISTRICT LENORA MAR, A 29-YEAR TEACHING VETERAN, SPECIAL DAY  
14 CLASS INSTRUCTOR AT CULLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GLENDORA, AND  
15 PART OF THE GLENDORA UNIFIED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. SHE RESIDES IN  
16 GLENDORA AND SHE CREATES FUN ART PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR  
17 STUDENTS WITH UNIQUE LEARNING STYLES, PROVIDES A STRUCTURED  
18 CURRICULUM, A CALM ATMOSPHERE WHICH ENHANCES STUDENTS' FOCUS  
19 AND COMPREHENSION. SHANNON WAGNER, AS A PARENT OF ONE OF HER  
20 STUDENTS, HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT LENORA. "SHE CLEARLY LOVES  
21 WHAT SHE DOES AND DOES IT WITH PASSION." SO LENORA, ON BEHALF  
22 OF THE BOARD, CONGRATULATIONS. OUR NEXT EDUCATOR IS CHRISTINE  
23 DEMORE, WHO IS A 17-YEAR TEACHING VETERAN, A VOCAL MUSIC  
24 INSTRUCTOR AT DAVID STARR JORDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, LOCATED IN  
25 BURBANK, WHICH IS PART OF THE BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.





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1 SHE RESIDES IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. AN ACCOMPLISHED ACTRESS AND  
2 SINGER, SHE CHAMPIONS A VOCAL MUSIC PROGRAM FILLED WITH  
3 CREATIVITY AND VERSATILITY, ENCOURAGING STUDENTS TO DEVELOP  
4 THEIR ARTISTIC TALENT. COREY HILDALGO, A FORMER STUDENT, SAID  
5 THIS ABOUT HER INSTRUCTOR: "FROM THE MANY GLISTENING TROPHIES  
6 IN HER ROOM TO THE STUDENTS' LIVES SHE HAS TOUCHED, CHRISTINE  
7 IS ABSOLUTELY SPECTACULAR." SO, CHRISTINE, CONGRATULATIONS AND  
8 WISH YOU MANY MORE YEARS OF HAPPY TEACHING. MICHELLE RANDALL,  
9 SIX YEAR TEACHING VETERAN, ENGLISH AT ABBOTT ADVANCED  
10 INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION, INSTRUCTOR AT NORTHVIEW INTERMEDIATE  
11 SCHOOL LOCATED IN DUARTE, WHICH IS PART OF THE DUARTE UNIFIED  
12 SCHOOL DISTRICT. MICHELLE RESIDES IN WHITTIER. SHE HELPED  
13 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM AT HER SCHOOL TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN  
14 PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION. PRIDES HERSELF ON SHARING  
15 KNOWLEDGE WITH STUDENTS TO HELP THEM BECOME SUCCESSFUL. HER  
16 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT SAID THIS ABOUT MICHELLE, THAT SHE  
17 EMBODIES THE PHILOSOPHY THAT RUNS THROUGH THE HEART OF WHO WE  
18 ARE AND WHAT WE DO. SO CONGRATULATIONS, MICHELLE, FOR YOUR  
19 EMMY. KAREN FUQUA AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION,  
20 POMONA, CAL-SAFE, ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE AND HISTORY. RESIDES  
21 IN ONTARIO, 27-YEAR EDUCATOR. SHE'S AN EDUCATOR TO TEEN  
22 MOTHERS. SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT HER STUDENTS NEED EXTRA SUPPORT  
23 AND CARE, AND THEY GLADLY ACCEPT THOSE CHALLENGES. SHE  
24 NURTURES HER STUDENTS AND GUIDES THEM TO HEALTHY FUTURES. HER  
25 PRINCIPAL SAID THE FOLLOWING: "KAREN IS NOT SATISFIED UNTIL



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1 EVERY ONE OF HER STUDENTS HAS FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVED  
2 UP TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL." SO KAREN, CONGRATULATIONS.  
3 [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY  
6 TEACHERS? YES.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEY'RE COMING UP NOW. WE'RE ALWAYS VERY PROUD OF  
9 OUR TEACHERS OVER HERE. FIRST LET ME BEGIN WITH ADRIAN ACOSTA.  
10 [APPLAUSE.] WOW, A LOT OF FANS. WE'RE ALWAYS SO PROUD OF THE  
11 TEACHERS BECAUSE OF COURSE, YOU KNOW, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT  
12 PROVIDE THE INSPIRATION. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US I THINK  
13 REMEMBER A VERY SPECIAL TEACHER THAT PROVIDED THE MOTIVATION  
14 FOR US TO SUCCEED. AND OF COURSE TEACHERS ARE INSTRUMENTAL  
15 EVERY SINGLE DAY. ADRIAN IS A NINE-YEAR TEACHING VETERAN AND  
16 CURRENTLY TEACHES FOURTH GRADE AT CLIFFORD D. ELEMENTARY,  
17 MURRAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE EXHIBITS ENTHUSIASTIC COMMITMENT  
18 TO CULTURAL DIVERSITY. HE CREATES INVENTIVE, HANDS-ON PROJECTS  
19 TO HELP HIS STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT THEIR NATIONAL HOLIDAYS. HIS  
20 PRINCIPAL, SAIDA VALDEZ, NOTES THAT "ADRIAN IS A VALUABLE  
21 ASSET TO OUR SCHOOL AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH HIM".  
22 WELL, IT'S INDEED MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE THIS  
23 PRESENTATION. IT IS MOST DESERVING. CONGRATULATIONS.  
24 [APPLAUSE.] ALSO JOINING US THIS MORNING, ONE WAY OR THE OTHER  
25 HERE, WE HAVE MICHAEL ALLEN LONG. MICHAEL IS ALSO A NINE-YEAR



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1 TEACHING VETERAN WHO TEACHES FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE AT CAR  
2 CARMELA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. HE'S A DEDICATED EDUCATOR, AS WELL  
3 AS A FAMILY MAN. AND HIS STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO  
4 PARTICIPATING IN THE VERY SPECIAL PROJECTS THAT HE CREATES  
5 WHILE ATTENDING HIS WRITING LAB. ONE OF HIS FORMER STUDENTS  
6 SAID "WITH ALL THE HELP THAT MR. LONG HAS GIVEN ME, I KNOW I  
7 WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE SOMEONE SPECIAL." WHAT A NICE  
8 TRIBUTE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR, ME. OKAY. NO, BURKE.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
13 HONOREE MARK TAYLOR, SIXTH GRADE ENGLISH HISTORY TEACHER AT  
14 JOHN MUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL. [APPLAUSE.] OKAY I STAND OVER HERE.  
15 I WAS OVER THERE. JOHN MUIR, OF COURSE IS LOCATED IN THE  
16 SECOND DISTRICT. HE WAS CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE 16 TEACHERS OF  
17 THE YEAR. HE'S A SIXTH GRADE ENGLISH SOCIAL STUDIES CREATIVE  
18 WRITING TEACHER. IN ADDITION TO SERVING ON THE SCHOOL AND  
19 STRUCTURAL LEADERSHIP TEAM, HE ALSO FORMED AND CO-COACHES HIS  
20 SCHOOL'S BASEBALL TEAM. HIS COLLEAGUE BILL JETSON IS QUOTED AS  
21 SAYING "WE HAVE MANY OUTSTANDING TEACHERS ON STAFF BUT MARK,  
22 IN MY ESTIMATION, IS A CUT ABOVE." BASEBALL, RIGHT?  
23 IMMEDIATELY I SAID BASKETBALL WHEN I LOOKED UP AT YOU.  
24 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] OUR NEXT TEACHER IS LORENA BEAS  
25 OF HARMONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ANOTHER OF THE 16 TEACHERS OF



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1 THE YEAR. SHE'S COMING UP. AND SHE'S A SECOND GRADE TEACHER  
2 WHO BUILDS STRONG RAPPORT WITH HER STUDENTS BY CREATING A HOME  
3 AWAY FROM HOME LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. SHE DEMONSTRATES GENUINE  
4 CONCERN AND CARE FOR HER STUDENTS, GIVING THEM A STRONG SENSE  
5 OF PRIDE IN ALL OF THEIR ACADEMIC ABILITIES. HER COLLEAGUE,  
6 ORENO OPANOLDO, IS QUOTED AS SAYING "TEACHERS COME INTO  
7 LORENA'S CLASSROOM TO OBSERVE HER BECAUSE SHE IS OUTSTANDING."  
8 IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO LORENA  
9 BEAS. [APPLAUSE.] I'M FINISHED HERE.

10

11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I HAVE THREE TEACHERS I'D LIKE TO  
12 INTRODUCE FROM THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. FIRST, MEGGAN  
13 BALLMAN. MEGGAN? MEGGAN IS A RESIDENT OF SHERMAN OAKS. SHE'S  
14 BEEN TEACHING FOR 10 YEARS. SHE IS A TEACHER AT KESTER AVENUE  
15 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN. AS KINDERGARTEN TEACHER,  
16 SHE IS A SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, AND PROMOTES PARENTAL  
17 INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT IN HELPING TO CREATE SUCCESSFUL  
18 STUDENTS WHO ARE FOCUSED AND EAGER TO LEARN. HER CLASSROOM IS  
19 FULL OF SMILES AND STUDENTS ALWAYS FEEL WELCOMED. HER  
20 PRINCIPAL, SANDI BARRETT, SAYS OF MEGGAN THAT SHE MAKES AN  
21 EXCELLENT KINDERGARTEN TEACHER BECAUSE SHE EDUCATES THE  
22 PARENTS AS WELL AS THE STUDENTS ON HOW TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL  
23 LIFE LONG LEARNERS. PLEASE GIVE A HAND TO MEGGAN BALLMAN.  
24 [APPLAUSE.] THIS IS HER PRINCIPAL, SANDI BARRETT, WHO IS  
25 JOINING US. NEXT, JEANNIE SPARDELATTI. JEANNIE IS A TEACHER IN



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1 THE LAS VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE BAY LAUREL  
2 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. A FIRST GRADE TEACHER WHO BEEN TEACHING  
3 FOR 33 YEARS. A RESIDENT OF OAK PARK. JEANNIE HAS MORE THAN  
4 THREE DECADES OF EXPERIENCE TEACHING AND ADVOCATING FOR AGE-  
5 APPROPRIATE CURRICULUM. SHE ALSO DEVOTES HER TIME AS LEAD  
6 TEACHER, COORDINATOR OF TECHNOLOGY, AND DISTRICT MENTOR. HER  
7 PRINCIPAL, SHEILA GRADY, SAYS OF JEANNIE THAT SHE IS A TEACHER  
8 WHO STAYS ON THE FOREFRONT OF CURRENT THINKING AND TEACHING  
9 AND LEARNING. SO PLEASE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO JEANNIE  
10 SPARDELATTI. [APPLAUSE.] AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, FROM OUR  
11 DISTRICT IS LEWIS CHAPPELEAR. LEWIS HAS EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE,  
12 FIRST OF ALL HE'S A TEACHER IN ENGINEERING DESIGN AT JAMES  
13 MONROE HIGH SCHOOL. MY SON'S ALMA MATER. AND LEWIS HAS  
14 EXTENSIVE KNOWLEDGE IN ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, WHICH HE  
15 USES TO TRAIN AND COACH THE STUDENTS IN HIS ROBOTICS PROGRAM.  
16 A RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS FROM HIS PROGRAM PURSUE HIGHER  
17 EDUCATION AND CONTINUE TO RELY ON HIM AS A MENTOR AND FRIEND.  
18 MONROE'S PRINCIPAL, LINDA SCHWARTZ, SAYS OF LEWIS THAT "HE HAS  
19 CREATED A CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT WHERE STUDENTS FEEL SAFE  
20 ENOUGH TO CHALLENGE THEMSELVES AND CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO LEARN  
21 FROM THEIR MISTAKES." A LITTLE ADDENDUM TO THIS PRESENTATION  
22 IS THAT LEWIS WON THE CALIFORNIA TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND IS  
23 GOING ON TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FOR THAT HONOR. [APPLAUSE] SO  
24 GIVE HIM A HAND. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

25



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
2   LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I'M GOING TO ASK CHRISTOPHER BOWEN TO  
3   JOIN ME UP HERE. CHRISTOPHER IS A READING AND MATH TEACHER AT  
4   LEWIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN DOWNEY. HE'S A RESIDENT OF DOWNEY.  
5   HE HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR 11 YEARS. HE WORKS WITH MORE THAN 100  
6   CHILDREN EACH DAY AS HIS SCHOOL'S TITLE 1 LEARNING SPECIALIST.  
7   IN ADDITION TO BEING AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER, HE WAS HONORED BY  
8   THE PTA FOR CREATING A PARENT RESOURCE ROOM ON-SITE. AND THIS  
9   IS THE GREATEST COMPLIMENT, ONE OF HIS FORMER STUDENTS SAID  
10  "IF THERE WAS A COOLEST TEACHER OF THE CENTURY AWARD, I THINK  
11  HE WOULD BE DESERVING OF THAT, AS WELL." SO WITH CHRISTOPHER  
12  IS HIS PRINCIPAL, CRAIG BIRCH, AND HIS WIFE ELIZABETH.  
13  CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, ROBIN PERENCEVIC IS A  
14  BEHAVIOR SPECIALIST, INCLUSION SPECIALIST, AND A PROGRAM  
15  SPECIALIST AT LAKEVIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE LITTLE LAKE  
16  SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE'S A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH. SHE HAS BEEN  
17  TEACHING FOR SOME 31 YEARS. SHE EMPHASIZES COMMUNICATION  
18  SKILLS AND INCLUDES HER SPECIAL ED STUDENTS IN ALL AREAS OF  
19  THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY. A COLLEAGUE OF HERS STATED "ROBIN  
20  COMBINES HER WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE WITH HER  
21  TALENT AS A TEACHER TO CREATE A MODEL CLASSROOM." JOINING  
22  ROBIN TODAY ARE DR. PHILIP PEREZ, SUPERINTENDENT, DR. BILL  
23  CRAN, SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, LYNN BERG, TERRY TENORI, AND  
24  ROBIN'S HUSBAND, PAUL. CONGRATULATIONS, ROBIN. [APPLAUSE.]  
25  NEXT I'D LIKE TO INVITE LAURA HAND. LAURA IS A KINDERGARTEN





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1 TEACHER AT STAR KING ELEMENTARY IN LONG BEACH. SHE HAS BEEN  
2 TEACHING FOR SEVEN YEARS. SHE'S ALSO A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH.  
3 LAURA IS PURSUING A SECOND MASTER'S DEGREE IN READING LANGUAGE  
4 ARTS INSTRUCTION. SHE IS THE MATH CURRICULUM COORDINATOR AND  
5 SHE'S ALSO VOLUNTEERED HER TIME TO DESIGN THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.  
6 A COLLEAGUE OF HERS STATED "LAURA IS A PROFESSIONAL, HIGH  
7 QUALITY TEACHER WHO STRIVES FOR EXCELLENCE IN EVERY ENDEAVOR."  
8 JOINING LAURA TODAY IS HER HUSBAND, BRUCE. CONGRATULATIONS,  
9 LAURA. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT CONCLUDES. LET ME ASK  
12 SUPERINTENDENT DARLENE ROBLES TO COME FORWARD TO SAY A FEW  
13 WORDS ABOUT THE TEACHERS. DARLENE?

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15 **DARLENE ROBLES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE HAS BEEN SPONSORING A NATIONAL TEACHER  
17 COMPETITION FOR OVER 26 YEARS. AND WE ARE VERY PROUD OF THE  
18 OVER 80,000 TEACHERS IN OUR COUNTY AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
19 HONOR THE VERY BEST OF OUR PROFESSION ANNUALLY IS TRULY A  
20 PLEASURE AND AN HONOR THAT WE HAVE. WE ARE PLEASED IN THE LAST  
21 SEVERAL YEARS, OUR COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR HAVE BEEN  
22 REPRESENTED AT THE TOP FIVE AND IT WAS STATED EARLIER, WE HAVE  
23 TWO THAT ARE ON THE TOP FIVE IN THE NATIONAL ALSO REPRESENTING  
24 OUR STATE. AND THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THAT WE'VE HAD  
25 THAT. SO AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL COUNTY



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1 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR, THEIR THE SWEET 16 AND WE'RE VERY PROUD  
2 OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO VISIT  
3 EACH OF THE TEACHERS OF THE YEAR IN THE PAST, AND I'M GOING TO  
4 BE DOING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR, AND SO I'M EXCITED ABOUT THAT.  
5 AND AGAIN, LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR  
6 REPRESENTING THE BEST OF OUR PROFESSION. AGAIN, THANK YOU,  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FOR HONORING THEM. THANK YOU.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DARLENE. MIKE?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE REALLY A CUTE LITTLE PUPPY. IT'S A  
13 CHOW RETRIEVER. HER NAME IS SALLY. SHE'S ONLY ONLY EIGHT WEEKS  
14 OLD. LIKE A LITTLE BUTTER BALL. SO LITTLE SALLY, THIS IS  
15 ANOTHER ONE THAT LOOKS LIKE SHE'D BE GOOD FOR A DISNEY MOVIE.  
16 SO LITTLE SALLY IS LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO  
17 ADOPT HER CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR  
18 SCREEN, OR IN THE AUDIENCE, 562-728-4644, AND LITTLE SALLY CAN  
19 BE YOURS. I SEE A COUPLE EDUCATORS OUT THERE. SO THIS IS  
20 LITTLE SALLY.

21

22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
25 RICHARD B. LEWIS THE PRODUCER OF "AUGUST RUSH" AND WARNER



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1 BROTHERS, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM WARNER BROTHERS. THERE HE IS.  
2 OKAY. THIS IS ANOTHER EXCITING DAY FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
3 ANGELES, AS WE CELEBRATE THE UPCOMING RELEASE OF THE FEATURE  
4 FILM "AUGUST RUSH" TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 21ST. AND THAT'S GOING  
5 TO BE NATIONWIDE. IT'S STARRING JONATHAN RHYS MYERS, KERI  
6 RUSSELL AND FREDDIE HIGHMORE. OH, ROBIN WILLIAMS. THEY DIDN'T  
7 PUT HIM IN HERE. "AUGUST RUSH" TELLS THE MOST INSPIRING STORY  
8 OF A YOUNG IRISH GUITARIST AND SHELTERED CELLIST WHO HAD A  
9 SHORT LIVED CHANCE ENCOUNTER LEAVING IN THEIR WAKE AN INFANT  
10 ORPHANED BY CIRCUMSTANCE. THE ORPHAN, AUGUST RUSH, YEARS  
11 LATER, WHILE PERFORMING ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK, USES HIS  
12 REMARKABLE MUSICAL TALENT TO FIND HIS BIOLOGICAL PARENTS. I'M  
13 TRULY DELIGHTED TO HONOR HERE TODAY THE PRODUCER OF THIS  
14 WONDERFUL FILM, RICHARD LEWIS, WHO IS NO STRANGER TO WARNER  
15 BROTHERS PICTURES. HE ALSO PRODUCED THE MAJOR BOX OFFICE  
16 SUCCESS, ROBIN HOOD, PRINCE OF THIEVES. BEFORE MR. LEWIS SAYS  
17 A FEW WORDS, LET'S TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT "AUGUST RUSH" A TWO-  
18 MINUTE VIDEO. [TWO-MINUTE VIDEO.] [MUSIC.]

19

20 **SINGER:** NO FATHER FIGURE IN THE HOUSE AND I'M WONDERING HOW  
21 I'M GOING TO WORK IT OUT. OH, MY FRIENDS KEEP ON TELLING ME  
22 HOW I DON'T EVEN --

23

24 **MAN:** HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HERE?

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1 **BOY:** 11 YEARS AND 16 DAYS.

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3 **MAN:** YOU DON'T WANT TO BE PLACED WITH A REAL FAMILY?

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5 **BOY:** I HAVE A FAMILY.

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7 **MAN:** YOU DON'T HAVE CONTACT WITH THEM.

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9 **BOY:** YES, I DO.

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11 **MAN:** YOU DO?

12

13 **SINGER:** AND I'M WONDERING HOW I WILL WORK IT OUT.

14

15 **BOY:** THEY'RE OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.

16

17 **WOMAN:** IT'S A TALE ABOUT A CHILD WHO'S TRYING TO FIND HIS  
18 PARENTS THROUGH MUSIC. AND HE BELIEVES THAT ALL YOU HAVE TO DO  
19 IS OPEN YOURSELF UP AND LISTEN AND YOU'LL BE GUIDED WHERE YOU  
20 NEED TO GO.

21

22 **BOY:** I BELIEVE THAT ONCE UPON A TIME, LONG AGO, THEY HEARD THE  
23 MUSIC AND FOLLOWED IT. [MUSIC.]

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1 **WOMAN:** MYLA IS A VERY YOUNG VIRTUOSO CELLIST, WHO'S BASICALLY  
2 TOURING THE COUNTRY, THE WORLD, PERFORMING. AND THROUGH THIS  
3 STRANGE SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES MEETS THIS YOUNG IRISH GUY WHO IS  
4 ULTIMATELY HER SOUL MATE.

5

6 **WOMAN:** WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

7

8 **MAN:** LISTENING. HAVE A SEAT. COME ON. BE BRAVE. FRONT ROW  
9 CENTER.

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11 **MAN:** LEWIS IS A YOUNG 19-YEAR-OLD, PLAYING THE GUITAR WITH HIS  
12 BAND, YOU KNOW, OVER FROM IRELAND TRYING TO MAKE IT IN THE  
13 MUSIC INDUSTRY.

14

15 **SINGER:** WELL, IT'S A MARVELOUS NIGHT FOR A MOON DANCE WITH THE  
16 STARS UP ABOVE IN YOUR EYES. A FANTABULOUS NIGHT TO MAKE  
17 ROMANCE NEATH THE COVER OF OCTOBER SKIES. [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND NOW, RICHARD B. LEWIS.

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21 **RICHARD B. LEWIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
22 THE REST OF THE SUPERVISORS. JUST A COUPLE BRIEF WORDS. THIS  
23 STORY ACTUALLY BEGAN FOR ME, IT'S ALL ABOUT CHILDREN. AND WHEN  
24 MY SON WAS BEING BORN, WE HAD MUSIC IN THE BIRTHING ROOM FROM  
25 A COUPLE MOVIES THAT I HAD DONE. AND WHEN MY SON POPPED OUT



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1 AFTER AN EMERGENCY C-SECTION, THE NURSE CARRIED HIM BY THE  
2 MUSIC BOX THAT WAS STILL BLASTING MUSIC TO MY WIFE. AND OUT OF  
3 THE BLANKET CAME HIS HAND CONDUCTING FOR REAL. AND THE SURGEON  
4 WENT, "OH MY GOD, YOUR KID'S A CONDUCTOR." AND THAT'S WHERE  
5 THE MOVIE BEGAN, AND THAT SHOT IS ACTUALLY IN THE MOVIE. SO  
6 IT'S A VERY PERSONAL FILM FOR ME. AND WITH WINNIE JACKSON'S  
7 HELP, AND A LOT OF FOLKS' HELP, THEY'VE CREATED A SITE ABOUT  
8 LITERACY CALLED "RUSH TO LITERACY." I THINK IT'S REALLY  
9 FANTASTIC FOR THE KIDS AND FOR ALL THE TEACHERS TO BE  
10 INVOLVED, BECAUSE IN THE MOTION PICTURE BUSINESS, AND I THINK  
11 IN LIFE IN GENERAL, IT STARTS WITH HOPE. IT STARTS WITH THE  
12 WRITTEN WORD. THIS MOVIE IS A TESTAMENT TO HOPE AND KIND OF  
13 PERSEVERANCE. AND I REALLY HOPE THAT WITH EVERYBODY'S HELP  
14 THAT YOU GET A CHANCE TO SEE THE MOVIE. AND I THINK FOR ONCE  
15 MY FATHER, WHO IS 91, SAID TO ME YOU FINALLY MADE A MOVIE  
16 EVERYBODY CAN SEE. SO ANYWAY, THANK YOU GUYS VERY MUCH. I  
17 APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **RICHARD B. LEWIS:** OH MY PLEASURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
22 APPRECIATE IT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATIONS. MR. CHAIRMAN?

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1   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S MY  
2   PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY STARS FOR  
3   NOVEMBER 2007. IN THE CATEGORY OF ORGANIZATIONAL  
4   EFFECTIVENESS, FIRST, PLEASE WELCOME CINDY LEE FROM THE  
5   DEPARTMENT OF AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. [APPLAUSE.] CINDY IS A  
6   PROGRAM SPECIALIST 2 WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION  
7   OF MANAGEMENT SERVICES. THROUGH MONTHS OF RESEARCH, ANALYSIS,  
8   COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION, MS. LEE DEVELOPED AN EASY TO  
9   FOLLOW VISUAL ROAD MAP OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE  
10   PROCESS FOR THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. IN ADDITION, SHE DEVELOPED  
11   A COMPANION MANUAL THAT PROVIDES DETAILED EXPLANATIONS RELATED  
12   TO EACH OF THE STEPS OUTLINED ON THE ROAD MAP. AS A DIRECT  
13   RESULT OF THIS PROJECT, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IS ASSURED THAT  
14   INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PURCHASES ARE COMPLIANT WITH COUNTY  
15   PURCHASING STANDARDS. DUE TO MS. LEE'S DILIGENCE IN CREATING  
16   AN ABSOLUTELY ACCURATE AND CLEAR ROAD MAP, HER WORK PRODUCT  
17   EXTENDED ITS USEFULNESS BEYOND ITS ORIGINAL PURPOSES. THE  
18   AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S AUDIT DIVISION STAFF USED THE ROAD MAP AS  
19   A GUIDE IN REVIEWING OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS' PROCUREMENT  
20   PRACTICES AND SHARED SERVICES DIVISION PROCUREMENT STAFF USE  
21   IT AS A QUICK REFERENCE TOOL. THIS ROAD MAP HAS ALSO BEEN  
22   SHARED WITH OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. CINDY TOOK ON AN  
23   UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGE, UTILIZED RESOURCES AND COMPLETED A  
24   PROJECT THAT HAS BECOME CRITICAL TO ENSURING COMPLIANCE IN A  
25   HIGHLY VISIBLE AND SENSITIVE PROCESS. CONGRATULATIONS TO CINDY



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1 LEE, THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S DEPARTMENT. [APPLAUSE.] OUR  
2 SECOND RECIPIENT IS THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S  
3 BUREAU OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, CENTRAL CIVIL WEST,  
4 COURT CHECK-IN SYSTEM. THE TEAM COMPRISED OF ROY BRADLEY,  
5 BARBARA CATLOW, WILFORD CHIN, MORRISON WANG, HONG LIM, AND  
6 DENNIS YANG WORKED COLLABORATIVELY TO CREATE A NEW COURT  
7 CHECK-IN SYSTEM TO EFFICIENTLY MOVE CLIENTS THROUGH THEIR  
8 COURT EXPERIENCE, REPLACING PRIOR LABOR INTENSIVE PAPER DRIVEN  
9 SYSTEM. THIS NEW SYSTEM FREES UP STAFF, ELIMINATES LONG LINES  
10 AND UTILIZES THE COURT'S INNOVATIVE WEB-BASED ACCESS TO THEIR  
11 CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO STREAMLINE THE CLIENT CHECK-IN  
12 ACTIVITIES WITH THE COURTS. ABOUT 4 TO 500 CLIENTS OF THE  
13 CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT ARE SEEN DAILY AT THE  
14 CENTRAL CIVIL WEST COURTS. AND WITH NO AUTOMATED CHECK-IN  
15 SYSTEM, THE PROCESS OF HANDLING THESE CLIENTS IN A TIMELY AND  
16 EFFICIENT MANNER WAS OVERLY BURDENSOME AND SOMETIMES  
17 IMPOSSIBLE. THIS NEW SYSTEM HAS REDUCED WAIT TIME BY UP TO 1-  
18 1/2 HOURS AND INSURES THAT EVERYONE IS SEEN IN THEIR ORDER OF  
19 ARRIVAL. IT HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE SO SUCCESSFUL, THAT A  
20 MODIFIED VERSION WILL BE USED IN THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES  
21 DEPARTMENT'S SEVEN PUBLIC INTERVIEW OFFICES. WITHOUT THE  
22 ASSISTANCE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT AND THE USE OF THEIR  
23 AUTOMATED SYSTEM, THIS PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE.  
24 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S  
25 BUREAU OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION CENTRAL CIVIL WEST



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1 COURT CHECK-IN SYSTEM. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL ON  
2 DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. DR. DAVID DASSY, DEBBIE DAVENPORT,  
3 WILLIE WATTS-TROUTMAN AND WENDY BERGER, FOR A SPECIAL  
4 PRESENTATION. INFLUENZA, TOGETHER WITH INVASIVE PNEUMOCOCCAL  
5 DISEASE, IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF VACCINE PREVENTABLE DEATHS IN  
6 THE NATION. CERTAIN GROUPS OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING CHILDREN UNDER  
7 THE AGE OF FIVE, PREGNANT WOMEN, ADULTS 50 YEARS OF AGE AND  
8 OLDER AND PEOPLE OF ANY AGE WITH CERTAIN CHRONIC MEDICAL  
9 CONDITIONS, ARE AT AN INCREASED RISK FOR INFLUENZA  
10 COMPLICATIONS. THE VACCINE IS POORLY UTILIZED BY GROUPS OF  
11 PEOPLE AT INCREASED RISK FOR COMPLICATIONS FROM INFLUENZA, THE  
12 FLU VACCINE, THAT IS. WITH ONLY 62 PERCENT OF THE RESIDENTS  
13 AGED 65 AND OLDER RECEIVING THE FLU VACCINE IN 2005, AND ONLY  
14 25PERCENT OF CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS AGED 18 THROUGH 45 WITH HIGH  
15 RISK CONDITIONS RECEIVING THE VACCINATION IN 2006. THE SINGLE  
16 BEST WAY TO PREVENT SEASONAL INFLUENZA IS TO GET A FLU  
17 VACCINATION. AND AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF VACCINE IS AVAILABLE  
18 THIS YEAR. PERSONS WHO ARE UNABLE TO BE VACCINATED IN THE FALL  
19 CAN STILL BENEFIT BY GETTING THE FLU VACCINE AS LATE AS MARCH,  
20 ALTHOUGH WE'D RECOMMEND GETTING IT A LOT EARLIER THAN THAT.  
21 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WANTS TO RESOLVE THAT THE COUNTY OF  
22 LOS ANGELES HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26TH THROUGH  
23 DECEMBER 2ND, 2007, AS NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK,  
24 AND URGES ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS TO GET THEIR ANNUAL FLU SHOT. I  
25 GOT MINE A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. AND I KNOW THE REST OF US ARE IN



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1 THE PROCESS. SOME HAVE GOTTEN THEM, SOME ARE GETTING THEM. WE  
2 WANT TO URGE ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DO THIS. IT'S A  
3 VERY INEXPENSIVE AND SIMPLE, RELATIVELY PAINLESS WAY TO AVOID  
4 THE FLU AND COMPLICATIONS THAT STEM FROM IT. SO JONATHAN, IF  
5 YOU'LL ACCEPT THIS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD?

6

7 **JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU KNOW, WE'RE ALL  
8 THINKING ABOUT THE HOLIDAYS. AND WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY FLU, SO  
9 PEOPLE SAY, "OH WELL, MAYBE IT'S NOT A PROBLEM." YOU CAN'T  
10 TELL. WE COULD STILL HAVE A VERY, VERY HEAVY FLU SEASON. IN  
11 MOST CASES, THE PEAK OF THE SEASON HAS BEEN AFTER THE FIRST OF  
12 THE YEAR. SO IF YOU HAVEN'T GOTTEN THE SHOT, NOW IS THE TIME  
13 TO DO IT. AND THERE'S PLENTY OF FLU VACCINE AROUND. AND FOR  
14 PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO A PROVIDER OR DON'T HAVE THE  
15 MEANS, YOU CAN LOOK AT L.A. PUBLIC HEALTH.ORG, WE HAVE CLINICS  
16 GOING ON AROUND THE COUNTY. THANK THE BOARD VERY MUCH FOR THIS  
17 SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO ASK  
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF TOWN HALL TO COME FORWARD. AND THEY'RE LED  
21 BY JASON KATZ WHO IS VICE PRESIDENT FOR CORPORATE AFFAIRS FOR  
22 TOWN HALL LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION  
23 HONORING TOWN HALL FOR THEIR 70TH ANNIVERSARY. ESTABLISHED IN  
24 1937 AS A NONPROFIT, NONPARTISAN MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATION  
25 COMPRISING OF PEOPLE EAGER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ISSUES OF



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1 THE DAY, ACTING IN THE BELIEF THAT DEMOCRACY REQUIRES PUBLIC  
2 VENUES FOR OPEN DISCUSSION AND DEBATE, TOWN HALL OF LOS  
3 ANGELES INVITES SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD ON TOPICS THAT ARE  
4 RELEVANT TO ANGELINOS WHERE THEY WILL FACE A KNOWLEDGEABLE,  
5 ENGAGED AND ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE OFFERING PERTINENT AND  
6 QUESTIONS IN A FORUM THAT AFFORDS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
7 FREEWHEELING INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS IN WHICH AUDIENCE MEMBERS  
8 AND GUEST SPEAKERS ARE ALIKE CAN LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER. TOWN  
9 HALL LOS ANGELES HAS HAD THE FORESIGHT TO ESTABLISH AND MAKE  
10 AVAILABLE A VAST BROADCAST ARCHIVE OF ITS PRESENTATIONS THAT  
11 MAY BE HEARD ON MANY RADIO STATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY SHARING  
12 WIDELY THE PERSPECTIVE, CONCERNS, AND INSIGHTS OF ANGELINOS  
13 THROUGHOUT THE NATION. TOWN HALL LOS ANGELES HAS GROWN OVER  
14 THE LASTED 70 YEARS FROM AN INTIMATE GROUP OF SOME 100  
15 FOUNDING MEMBERS TO A ROBUST PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATION  
16 NUMBERING MORE THAN 4,000 INDIVIDUALS, CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY  
17 MEMBERS GATHERED IN FELLOWSHIP FOR THE COMMON PURPOSE OF BEING  
18 INFORMED AND INFORMING OTHERS. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
19 RESOLVES THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONGRATULATE AND  
20 COMMEND TOWN HALL LOS ANGELES FOR ITS OUTSTANDING  
21 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HEALTH AND VITALITY OF CIVIC LIFE IN LOS  
22 ANGELES WITH SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NOTABLE OCCASION  
23 OF ITS 70TH ANNIVERSARY AND WARMEST BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED  
24 SUCCESS WELL INTO THE FUTURE. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU.  
25 [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **JASON KATZ:** ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, STAFF AND THE MEMBERS OF  
3 TOWN HALL LOS ANGELES, THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
4 FOR THIS HONOR ON THE OCCASION OF OUR 70TH ANNIVERSARY. AND WE  
5 WILL COLLECTIVELY ENDEAVOR TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY, CITY AND THE  
6 REGION SURROUNDING LOS ANGELES FOR ANOTHER 70 YEARS. THANK  
7 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M  
10 PLEASED TO WELCOME A GROUP OF FOLKS HERE TODAY THAT REALLY  
11 REPRESENT A WIDE SPECTRUM OF CONCERNED CITIZENS ACROSS THIS  
12 GREAT COUNTY WHO REALLY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AS ALL OF  
13 US KNOW HERE, WE HAVE OVER 38,000 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE HERE  
14 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MANY OF THEM SUFFER MORE TRAGEDY IN  
15 THEIR LIVES THAN ANY OF US WILL EVER EXPERIENCE IN A LIFETIME.  
16 I THINK THAT THERE IS A CLEAR CONNECTION BETWEEN PEOPLE OF  
17 FAITH WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE AND OUR MISSION TO THE COUNTY TO  
18 PROTECT THESE CHILDREN AND HOPEFULLY IMPROVE THEIR LIVES AND  
19 WELL-BEING. A GREAT EXAMPLE IS THE FAITH-BASED COMMITTEE. IT  
20 IS MADE UP OF MORE THAN 50 CONGREGATIONS FROM THE SOUTH BAY  
21 FAITH COMMUNITY, REPRESENTING DIFFERENT FAITH AND ETHNIC  
22 GROUPS. THEY COME TOGETHER WITH THE TORRANCE D.C.F.S. OFFICE  
23 FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY BY  
24 STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE. I  
25 ADDRESSED THIS GROUP OVER A YEAR AGO WHEN THEY WERE AT THE





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1 PLANNING STAGES. AND IN THE MEANTIME, THEY HAVE, IN THE LAST  
2 YEAR ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH. THE INAUGURAL FAMILY FUN DAY AT  
3 ALONDRA PARK, TWO SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUTH, A CHRISTMAS PARTY  
4 AND A MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION ARE JUST SOME OF THE AMAZING  
5 ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED FOR FOSTER YOUTH AND THEIR  
6 FAMILIES. IN ADDITION, THIS GROUP IS LOOKING AT EVEN MORE  
7 AMBITIOUS GOALS OF RECRUITING ADOPTIVE FAMILIES AND MENTORS,  
8 WHICH ARE IN DIRECT ALIGNMENT WITH THE GOALS OF D.C.F.S. ALL  
9 OF THIS, BY THE WAY, IS DONE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS. SO WE WOULD  
10 LIKE TO PERSONALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE EFFORTS OF MY COMMISSIONER,  
11 ANN FRANZEN, ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,  
12 WHO HAS MADE IT ONE OF HER MISSIONS TO BETTER CONNECT THE  
13 FAITH-BASED WORLD AND THE COUNTY. SHE HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE  
14 JOB. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL HER EFFORT, BOTH AT THE  
15 GRASSROOTS AS WELL AS THE POLICY LEVEL. WE ALSO WANT TO  
16 ACKNOWLEDGE, AND YOU KNOW, I'VE HEARD PASTORS BEEN CALLED  
17 UNIQUE THINGS, BUT WE'VE GOT REVEREND SUNNY KING, WHO IS THE  
18 PASTOR OF THE SOUTH BAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. BUT HIS NICKNAME  
19 SAYS THE ENERGIZER BUNNY. [LAUGHTER.] OF THE SOUTH BAY  
20 PRESBYTERIAN. CHRIS JAHNG OF THE IMPACTING HEARTS, CARMEN  
21 BERRY, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILD SHARE, AND THE  
22 REVEREND BEVERLY ALLEN WHO IS THE PASTOR OF THE FAITH HILL  
23 CENTRAL BIBLE CHURCH, AS WELL AS EVERYONE ELSE ON THE FAITH-  
24 BASED COMMITTEE. WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PAY  
25 SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE D.C.F.S. TORRANCE OFFICE FOR THEIR



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1 GROUNDBREAKING WORK IN ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY. IN PARTICULAR,  
2 ADELA ESTRADA, ROSA TANG, SARI GRANT, AND THEIR BOSS, GERMAINE  
3 KEY, ALONG WITH D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR TRISH PLOEHN. SO WE WANT TO  
4 THANK EVERYONE FROM OUR FOLKS IN THE D.C.F.S. DEPARTMENT TO  
5 OUR FAITH-BASED COMMITTEE AND TO MY COMMISSIONER AND FOR ALL  
6 OF THEIR WORK. I MEAN THIS IS NOT A SOLO KIND OF AN OPERATION.  
7 THIS IS JUST WORKING TOGETHER IN GREAT COORDINATION. BUT MOST  
8 IMPORTANTLY AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S THE FOSTER KIDS WHO  
9 BENEFIT. SO LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.

10 [APPLAUSE.] THANKS, JOY, TOO. [LAUGHTER.]

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12 **ANN FRANZEN:** I HATE THE SHORT JOKES. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
13 KNABE AND ENTIRE BOARD FOR ACKNOWLEDGING THIS WONDERFUL  
14 PARTNERSHIP. WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE THESE FAITH-BASED  
15 ORGANIZATIONS BEHIND US AND BESIDE US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY TO  
16 DO GOOD THINGS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. WE COULDN'T DO IT  
17 WITHOUT YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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21 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
22 WE HAVE ONE LAST PRESENTATION, AND THAT INVOLVES THE BIRTHDAY  
23 OF THE C.E.O. CELEBRATING HIS 55TH BIRTHDAY.

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25 **SUP. KNABE:** WELCOME TO DENNY'S.



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** A PAIR OF FIVES. AND I THINK THE STAFF  
3 THERE HAS A LITTLE PRESENTATION, HIGH CALORIC PRESENTATION.  
4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY. WELL, YOU CAN SING. [LAUGHTER.] I WANT TO GET  
5 REELECTED SO I'M NOT GOING TO SING. [LAUGHTER.]

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** WE WERE GOING TO DO CANDLES BUT IT WAS A FIRE  
8 HAZARD.

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10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BILL.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** HAPPY BIRTHDAY. [APPLAUSE.] YOU DON'T LOOK A DAY  
13 OVER 55, BILL.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE WE GET STARTED, ON  
16 ITEM NUMBER 39, COULD WE ASK FOR RECONSIDERATION ON THIS  
17 MATTER? SUPERVISOR BURKE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE IT TWO WEEKS  
18 TO DECEMBER 4TH.

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20 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 39.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** 39?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 39.

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3 **SUP. KNABE:** TO RECONSIDER?

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO RECONSIDERING  
8 IT? BURKE MOVES TO RECONSIDER IT. ANTONOVICH SECONDS. LET'S  
9 RECONSIDER IT AND LET'S HOLD IT. I WANT TO TALK TO MISS BURKE  
10 ABOUT IT, SEE WHAT THE ISSUE IS. AND THEN WE'LL PROBABLY  
11 CONTINUE IT, BUT I JUST WANT TO FIND OUT. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT  
12 IT.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY.

15

16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE'RE HOLDING 39 FOR NOW. IT'S  
17 RECONSIDERED AND IT'S BEING HELD. MR. ANTONOVICH IS FIRST.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
20 MEMORY WITH RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF GEORGE RUSTAY, WHO PASSED  
21 AWAY. ALSO FORMER COLLEAGUE OF MINE WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE  
22 LEGISLATURE, FORMER ASSEMBLYMAN FROM MONTEBELLO, JACK FENTON  
23 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. I SERVED ON A NUMBER OF  
24 COMMITTEES WITH JACK. HE WAS A GOOD FRIEND. HE WAS ACTIVE IN  
25 THE OPTIMISTS AND AMERICAN LEGION AND ROTARY CLUB.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT, PLEASE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BILL HOSOKAWA, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
5 92. HE WAS A REGULAR COLUMNIST FOR THE "RAFU SHIMPO." DURING  
6 WORLD WAR II HE WAS INTERNED AT HEART MOUNTAIN CAMP IN CODY,  
7 WYOMING, WHERE HE BECAME EDITOR OF THE CAMP'S NEWSPAPER, IN  
8 WHICH HE WAS ABLE TO TELL THE STORY OF THE JAPANESE AMERICANS  
9 THROUGH THE NUMEROUS BOOKS AND COLUMNS HE HAD WRITTEN. HE  
10 AUTHORED THE BIOGRAPHY OF JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE  
11 WARTIME LEADER, MIKE MASOAKA. AND ALSO, HE SERVED AS HONORARY  
12 CONSUL TO JAPAN AND RECEIVED THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUE FROM THE  
13 ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE'S MOUNTAIN STATES REGIONAL OFFICE FOR  
14 HIS WRITINGS. HE WAS ALSO EDITOR FOR THE NEWSPAPER IN IOWA  
15 FOR, I BELIEVE IT WAS 38 YEARS. ALSO IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY  
16 SHERIFF ROBERT ZIARNICK WHO PASSED AWAY. HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT  
17 WAS AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. BARBARA CESAR. SHE WAS PRESIDENT  
18 AND C.E.O. OF SYNCRO AVIATION AND AIRCRAFT INTERIORS. SHE WAS  
19 THE LARGEST WOMAN-OWNED BUSINESS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY  
20 AND VAN NUYS. SHE CO-FOUNDED-- SHE WAS A LICENSED HELICOPTER  
21 AND PLANE PILOT. SHE CO-FOUNDED HER BUSINESS WITH HER LATE  
22 HUSBAND, ED, WHICH CREATED CUSTOM INTERIORS FOR AIRPLANES THAT  
23 ATTRACTED MAJOR LEADERS IN AVIATION. CIVIC CONTRIBUTIONS IN  
24 PHILANTHROPY GAINED HER A REPUTATION AS BEING A VERY  
25 COMPASSIONATE PERSON. CHARLIE BRAILER, A FRIEND OF MANY OF US,



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1 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 74 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HE  
2 WAS THE FORMER KFWB NEWS RADIO MAN WHO STARTED OUT AS AN  
3 EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, WENT ON TO BE REPORTER AND INTERVIEWER FOR  
4 "NEWS LINE" AND THEN MORNING ANCHORMAN. HE PREVIOUSLY HAD  
5 WORKED FOR THE ALL-NEWS STATION IN L.A. FOR 24 YEARS AT KFWB.  
6 TRINIDAD FLORES, LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
7 ROAD DEPARTMENT. BRANKO MILINOVIC, OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.  
8 HE WAS AN INTERNATIONAL LAWYER AND BUSINESSMAN. AND BERNIECE  
9 EVELYN BENNETT. SHE WAS A FORMER MAYOR OF WESTLAKE. I WORKED  
10 HER ON THE INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WESTLAKE VILLAGE. AND  
11 SHE WAS QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND A VERY WONDERFUL  
12 LADY. AND THEN SISTER KATHLEEN BRADY, A NUN IN THE ORDER OF  
13 SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH CARONDELET, THE ORDER THAT MY AUNT IS A  
14 MEMBER OF. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION THAT WE DIRECT  
21 THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO REPORT BACK  
22 IN 60 DAYS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRADING SYSTEM FOR OUR  
23 NURSING CONVALESCENT HOMES. AS THE FATHER OF THE GRADING  
24 SYSTEM FOR OUR RESTAURANTS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, IT HAS A  
25 REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF FOOD THAT WE HAVE HAD





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1 AND THE PUBLIC INFORMATION AS TO THE GRADING SYSTEM OF THEIR  
2 RESTAURANTS. AND WE ALL KNOW THAT THE VALUE OF HAVING A SYSTEM  
3 TO ENSURE THAT OUR CONVALESCENT NURSING HOMES ARE MEETING THE  
4 STANDARDS THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A LOVED ONE, WOULD BE  
5 JUST AS IMPORTANT AS WE HAVE A GRADING SYSTEM FOR OUR  
6 RESTAURANTS. SO THAT WOULD BE A 60-DAY REPORT BACK TO THE  
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND ANOTHER REPORT I WOULD LIKE IS WITH  
8 THE SPREAD OF M.R.S.A., AS WE KNOW, IF WE COULD ASK THE  
9 C.E.O., WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND INTERNAL  
10 SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TO REPORT BACK ON ESTABLISHING A WASHING  
11 SIGNS INFORMATION IN ALL OF OUR COUNTY REST ROOMS AND RESEARCH  
12 THE VIABILITY OF TOUCH FREE DISPENSARIES IN OUR COUNTY  
13 RESTROOMS, WITH THE REPORT BACK IN 60 DAYS, AS WELL. THOSE  
14 WILL BE TWO REPORT BACKS.

15

16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WE'LL ASK FOR THE REPORT BACKS,  
17 THEN, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN ITEM NUMBER 52-A?

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE NEEDED A MOTION ON THAT.

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ANTONOVICH MOVES, I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT  
24 OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. THERE'S PEOPLE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON  
2   IT.

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4   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO. BACK ON THE PREVIOUS ITEM. ON  
5   YOUR MOTION. ALL RIGHT. 52-A?

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7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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9   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE A STAFF REPORT? OR SHOULD WE  
10   JUST GO STRAIGHT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING?

11

12   **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THIS IS NOT FORMALLY A  
13   PUBLIC HEARING BUT PEOPLE OBVIOUSLY CAN TESTIFY.

14

15   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, I GOT YOU. I HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO  
16   WISH TO BE HEARD. LET ME CALL THEM UP. RAY GARWACKI AND THEN  
17   THIEN HO AND JACQUELINE AYER.

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19   **RAY GARWACKI:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RAY GARWACKI. I AM THE  
20   PRESIDENT OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO  
21   SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. INITIALLY, I WANT  
22   TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR THE TIME AND THE  
23   CONSIDERATION IN MEETING WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE ACTON TOWN  
24   COUNCIL LAST WEEK AND THE SUBSEQUENT FORMULATION OF THIS  
25   MOTION. ALSO ON BEHALF OF ACTON AND THE TOWN COUNCIL, I WANT



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1 TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS CONTINUED AND UNENDING  
2 SUPPORT FOR THE RURAL ATMOSPHERE, THE PRESERVATION OF THAT  
3 RURAL ATMOSPHERE OF ACTON, THE SUPPORT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
4 GENERAL PLAN AND THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
5 DISTRICT. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL TO  
6 SUPPORT THE MOTION CONTAINED IN ITEM 52-A. THE ACTON TOWN  
7 COUNCIL MET LAST NIGHT. WE HAD APPROXIMATELY 200 PEOPLE. AND  
8 FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO MIGHT BE FAMILIAR WITH ACTON, THAT  
9 CONSTITUTES A LARGE GATHERING. THE INDICATION LAST NIGHT AND  
10 THE DISCUSSIONS WERE WITH REGARD TO SUPPORT OF THE MOTION. IT  
11 WAS A STRONG SUPPORT. IN FACT I WOULD SAY IT WAS A UNANIMOUS  
12 SUPPORT. THE APPROVAL OF THIS MOTION ENHANCES THE PARTIES  
13 INVOLVED, WHICH WOULD BE THE COUNTY, THE TOWN OF ACTON, AND  
14 PANDA EXPRESS TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES, CONTINUE A DIALOGUE,  
15 AND PROPOSE IDEAS THAT WILL BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO ALL  
16 PARTIES CONCERNED WHILE ALLOWING AND PRESERVING THE INHERENT  
17 DIVERSITY OF ACTON, WHICH AS MANY OF YOU ARE FAMILIAR, IS  
18 UNIQUE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO ON BEHALF OF THE  
19 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL AND THE RESIDENTS OF ACTON, I WOULD  
20 STRONGLY ASK THAT THE MOTION BE GRANTED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. THIEN HO.

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24 **THIEN HO:** HI, MY NAME IS THIEN HO. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF  
25 UNITED GROWTH AND THE PANDA RESTAURANT GROUP. WE ARE



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1 RESPECTFULLY ASKING FOR A CONTINUANCE OF SUPERVISOR  
2 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION REGARDING OUR PROJECT. WE WOULD LIKE THIS  
3 CONTINUANCE TO ALLOW OUR GROUP MORE TIME TO WORK WITH THE  
4 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL AND THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE. WITH THAT  
5 SAID, WE WANT TO CONVEY OUR SINCEREST DESIRE TO CONTINUE  
6 WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE TOWN OF ACTON AND THE COUNCIL  
7 AND THE SUPERVISOR. UNITED GROWTH AND PANDA RESTAURANT GROUP  
8 HAVE ALWAYS PRIDED ITSELF ON BEING GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENS AND  
9 WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH OUR PROJECTS ARE BUILT  
10 TO BUILD A PROJECT THAT ALL PARTIES INVOLVED CAN BE PROUD OF.  
11 WE ARE RESPECTFULLY ASKING FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MISS HO. AND LAST IS  
14 JACQUELINE AYER.

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16 **JACQUELINE AYER:** YES, MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER. AND FIRST OF  
17 ALL I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR PROVIDING ME AN  
18 OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE MY FIVE YEAR OLD HIS BIRTHDAY PRESENT, A  
19 PUPPY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. BECAUSE WE WERE GOING TO GO TO THE  
20 POUND ON FRIDAY. THAT'S HIS BIRTHDAY, AND PICK ONE UP. SO  
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I SUPPORT THE MOTION. I AM ALSO ON THE  
22 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. AND I APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF SUPERVISOR  
23 ANTONOVICH AND HIS STAFF TO GIVE OUR COMMUNITY A VOICE IN  
24 SHAPING OUR FUTURE. ACTON IS A UNIQUE COMMUNITY. I LIVE ON A  
25 DIRT ROAD AND PROBABLY 90 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE IN ACTON LIVE



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1 ON DIRT ROADS. I REALLY LIKE THE FACT THAT 20 YEARS FROM NOW  
2 MY SON WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT HE DIDN'T RIDE A BUS TO  
3 SCHOOL, HE RODE A HORSE. SO I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU  
4 FOR KEEPING THE DREAM THAT IS ACTON A REALITY. I WOULD ALSO  
5 LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THIS MOTION NOW BEFORE YOU GIVES THE  
6 APPLICANT SOME VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES. AND IT SEEMS ODD TO  
7 ME THAT THE APPLICANT DOES NOT SEEM INCLINED TO SUPPORT IT.  
8 THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE ALTERNATIVE  
9 MOTION THAT THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER IS THAT THE APPROVAL WAS  
10 GRANTED IN ERROR AND THAT THEY COULD ACTUALLY MOVE TO DENY IT,  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THEY COULD DENY THIS PROJECT PURSUANT TO  
12 SECTION 22.56.1720 OF THE CODE. THIS WOULD PUT THE DEVELOPER  
13 IN A VERY UNTENABLE POSITION. SO IN CLOSING, I WOULD SUPPORT  
14 THE PROJECT AND I THINK THAT IT REALLY DOES A LOT FOR OUR  
15 COMMUNITY AND WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THIS PROJECT  
16 WORK FOR EVERYBODY INVOLVED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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18 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'M JUST ASKING THAT WE PASS  
21 THIS MOTION. IT WILL GO BACK TO REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS DID  
22 NOT HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING AT REGIONAL PLANNING. IT WAS AN  
23 ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL. AND THERE WAS NO NOTICE TO THE  
24 COMMUNITY RELATIVE TO THIS PROPOSAL COMING BEFORE THEM. AND  
25 THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL. THE DEVELOPER HAD MEETINGS



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1 IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL IN '07, AND THEY HAD  
2 MEETINGS IN '08 AND THEY WERE AT THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING LAST  
3 NIGHT AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH AN AGREEMENT ON  
4 THIS PROPOSAL. AS YOU KNOW, A FEW YEARS AGO WE PASSED A  
5 COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT RULE.

6

7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON, MIKE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE PASSED A RURAL STANDARDS COMMUNITY  
10 DISTRICT FOR THIS COMMUNITY, BUT WE HAVE BEFORE US TODAY ARE  
11 FOUR SEPARATE BUILDINGS WITH EIGHT POTENTIAL TENANTS ALONG  
12 WITH FOUR FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS WITH DRIVE-THROUGHS, WHICH  
13 WOULD GENERATE MORE THAN 4,200 VEHICLE TRIPS PER DAY. AND  
14 THERE IS SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE DRAINAGE ISSUES, A SEPTIC SYSTEM  
15 FEASIBILITY ISSUE GIVEN UNDER- PERFORMING SYSTEMS ON OTHER  
16 PROPERTIES IN THE AREA, AND THE EQUESTRIAN TRAILS THAT  
17 TERMINATE ON THE PROPERTY, SEVERING CONNECTIONS TO THE  
18 REGIONAL TRAIL NETWORK. BY SENDING THIS BACK, THIS WILL ALLOW  
19 THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE PUBLIC PROCESS TO INSURE THAT THE  
20 PROPOSAL THAT IS DEVELOPED ON THAT SITE WOULD BE MEETING THE  
21 ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
22 AREA PLAN ALONG WITH THE COUNTY-WIDE GENERAL PLAN WHICH  
23 ADDRESSES THIS AREA AS RURAL IN NATURE. THE ZONING FOR THE  
24 PROPERTY IS C-2 OR NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS, YET THE TRAFFIC  
25 STUDY INDICATES 80 PERCENT OF THE CUSTOMERS WILL COME FROM THE





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1 ADJACENT FREEWAY, THE 14. AND IN SHORT, THERE WAS A  
2 MISINTERPRETATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN. AND BY HAVING IT GO  
3 BACK, THEY TRIED TO -- AT LEAST I TALKED TO THE PEOPLE  
4 YESTERDAY TO REACH AN AGREEMENT, SOME TYPE OF COMPROMISE LAST  
5 NIGHT, BUT THE COMPROMISE WAS NOT ABLE TO BE ACHIEVED. BUT BY  
6 SENDING IT BACK, IT WILL ALLOW THE COMMUNITY AND THE DEVELOPER  
7 TO WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP THAT COMPROMISE. SO THE MOTION AS  
8 YOU HAVE BEFORE US IS TO REFER THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
9 PLANNING PROJECT R2006 BACK TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
10 COMMISSION WITH DIRECTION TO EVALUATE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS  
11 ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED COMMERCIAL CENTER, SIGNAGE ON THE  
12 SUBJECT PROPERTY, AS WELL AS THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS  
13 DISTRICT, THE COUNTY WIDE GENERAL PLAN AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
14 AREA PLAN.

15

16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. BURKE SECONDS. IS THERE ANY  
17 OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

18

19 **THANK YOU ALL.**

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21 **>>JACQUELINE AYER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR PUPPY.

24

25 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ENJOY THE DOG.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'T GET MAD IF IT'S NOT POTTY- TRAINED  
3 RIGHT AWAY, OKAY?

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5 **JACQUELINE AYER:** OH THAT'S OKAY. HE IS SO EXCITED. HE'S THE  
6 LITTLE BOY THAT WILL BE GETTING IT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAPPY TRAILS.

9

10 **JACQUELINE AYER:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

11

12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, YOU, TOO. MIKE, BEFORE YOU  
13 START THE NEXT ONE, LET ME JUST SAY ON ITEM 39, MISS BURKE HAS  
14 ASKED THAT IT BE CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. AND WITHOUT  
15 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 38. OKAY 39. ITEM 38.

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19 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 38?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANT  
24 TO BE HEARD. DR. CLAVREUL? AND YOU ALSO HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD



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1 ON 51. I'M SORRY S-1, WHICH IS GOING TO BE CONTINUED. IF YOU  
2 WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT.

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4 **GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** PERFECT. GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE  
5 CLAVREUL. ON THIS ONE, I WAS JUST WANT TO MENTION THAT, YOU  
6 KNOW, WE HAVE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE WORKING FOR D.H.S. WE'RE  
7 HAVING BUDGET WHICH PUSHED BACK ALL THE TIME. I MEAN THE FIRST  
8 TIME IT WAS PUT BACK WAS IN JULY. AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE  
9 HEARD UNTIL JANUARY. IT IS ABSURD. I MEAN, WE SHOULD HAVE A  
10 BUDGET FOR D.H.S. I MEAN, I DON'T FIND ANY EXCUSE FOR THAT,  
11 EXCEPT MAYBE THE FIGURE DON'T JIVE. AND THEY HOPE THAT PEOPLE  
12 WILL NOT LOOK AT IT. ON ITEM 38, I AM VERY PLEASED TO SEE  
13 MONEY ALLOCATED TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR DEALING WITH  
14 FRAUD IN WORKMAN'S COMP, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN SUFFERING FROM  
15 WORKMAN'S COMP FRAUD FROM THE PART OF THE INSURER. AND I THINK  
16 IT'S ABOUT TIME WE LOOK WHEN INSURERS MISREPRESENT THE FACTS.  
17 SET UP FOR A COURT CASE. THE COURTS THEY HAVE AGREE TO PAY THE  
18 PERSON INSURED, MYSELF AND AFTER THE COURT STOP THE COURT CASE  
19 DAY DON'T DO WHAT THEY SAID THE COURT WILL DO. I THINK IT'S A  
20 HIGH CRIME THAT THE -- ARE BEING INVESTIGATED FOR  
21 MISREPRESENTATION.

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. S-1 WILL BE  
24 CONTINUED UNTIL WHAT'S THE DATE? JANUARY?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** UNTIL JANUARY 15TH, 2008.

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3 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** JANUARY 15TH. AND ITEM 38 IS BEFORE US.  
4 ANTONOVICH MOVES, BURKE SECONDS; WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS  
5 VOTE.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 52-B.

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9 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** 52-B. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF  
10 PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. DO WE HAVE THE STAFF HERE ON  
11 THIS? IS DEAN LOGAN HERE? PERHAPS WE SHOULD GET A SUCCINCT  
12 REPORT, THEN WE'LL HEAR FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. MR.  
13 LOGAN, GO AHEAD.

14

15 **DEAN LOGAN:** GOOD MORNING. THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE BEFORE  
16 YOU THIS MORNING FROM THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK HAVE  
17 TO DO WITH OUR ABILITY TO BE PREPARED FOR THE FEBRUARY  
18 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION THAT'S COMING UP, AND THE  
19 CERTIFICATION AND REVIEW OF THE THREE COMPONENTS OF THE VOTING  
20 SYSTEMS USED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'VE WORKED COOPERATIVELY  
21 WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON THESE ISSUES AND ARE  
22 RECOMMENDING, BASED ON THE TIME FRAME AS WE SIT HERE 77 DAYS  
23 BEFORE THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY, THAT WE MAKE A DECISION TO  
24 UTILIZE THE CENTRAL TABULATION SYSTEM THAT WE'VE USED SINCE  
25 1998 FOR CONDUCTING 2008 ELECTIONS, THAT WE CONTINUE TO USE



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1 THE INKAVOTE PLUS VOTER PROTECTION AND DISABILITY ACCESS  
2 EQUIPMENT AT THE PRECINCTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FEDERAL HELP  
3 AMERICA VOTE ACT, THAT WE SEND THE MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY OF  
4 STATE THAT WE'RE GOING TO WORK COOPERATIVELY TO MEET ANY  
5 CONDITIONS THAT SHE PUTS ON THOSE SYSTEMS. AND AT THE SAME  
6 TIME BE PREPARED FOR THE FEBRUARY ELECTION. AND FINALLY, THE  
7 RECOMMENDATION THAT BASED ON THE CONDITIONS ON THE TOUCH  
8 SCREEN EARLY VOTING SYSTEM THAT WE USE IN L.A. COUNTY, THAT WE  
9 DISCONTINUE OR MODIFY THE PROGRAM OF EARLY VOTING FOR 2008 AND  
10 LIMIT THAT ONLY TO OFFERING THOSE SERVICES AT THE BRAILLE  
11 INSTITUTE TO SERVE VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES UNTIL SUCH TIME AS  
12 WE CAN REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON  
13 CONDITIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO REASONABLY CONTINUE THE  
14 EARLY VOTING PROGRAM. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THAT FINAL  
15 RECOMMENDATION, WE WOULD CONDUCT AN ACTIVE VOTER OUTREACH  
16 PROGRAM. WE WOULD CONTACT VOTERS WHO HAVE USED THE EARLY  
17 VOTING PROGRAM IN THE PAST, LET THEM KNOW WHAT OTHER  
18 ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THEM FOR VOTING IN THE 2008  
19 ELECTIONS AND ACCOMMODATE THEM TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY IN  
20 THAT REGARD.

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I JUST --



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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME JUST THANK MR. LOGAN. MR. KNABE  
2 AND I AND THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL HAVE  
3 BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE  
4 IN A PROBLEM SOLVING MODE. AND I THINK THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH  
5 WHERE THINGS ARE GOING STATEWIDE AND APPLICABLE TO OUR  
6 SITUATION. AND I WANT TO THANK THE SECRETARY OF STATE, ALSO,  
7 FOR HER COOPERATION WITH US. IT'S BEEN A VERY PROBLEM SOLVING-  
8 ORIENTED EXERCISE. AND WE'RE NOT DONE YET. WE KNOW THERE ARE  
9 GOING TO BE SOME CONDITIONS PLACED ON THE THINGS THAT ARE OF  
10 CONCERN TO HER AND HER DEPARTMENT. BUT WE DON'T SEE ANY  
11 OBSTACLES THAT ARE INSURMOUNTABLE IN ACCOMPLISHING THAT. MR.  
12 KNABE?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I JUST, THE PAPER INDICATED THIS MORNING THAT THE  
15 SECRETARY OF STATE IS FILING A LAWSUIT AGAINST -- THAT'S NOT  
16 GOING TO IMPACT OUR PIECE OF THIS, RIGHT?

17

18 **DEAN LOGAN:** NO. THAT DOES NOT AFFECT THE VOTING SYSTEMS THAT  
19 WE USE IN L.A. COUNTY.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

22

23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO BE  
24 HEARD. LET ME CALL THEM UP. THERE ARE FOUR PEOPLE, AND I'LL  
25 ASK THEM ALL TO COME UP. WE HAVE FOUR SEATS UP HERE. ELIZABETH





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1 JANE DOMMEYER, MARTHA MADISON, JUDY ALTER, AND ARNOLD SACHS.  
2 ALL RIGHT MR. SACHS, WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST SINCE YOU'RE  
3 THERE. NO, NO. YOU'RE GOING TO GO FIRST. YOU'RE THERE. COME  
4 ON, ARNOLD, SIT DOWN AND GET GOING.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK  
7 YOU VERY MUCH. WHAT I WANTED TO TALK ABOUT IS THE INKAVOTING  
8 SYSTEM THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA LAST YEAR. THERE WAS A \$44  
9 MILLION CONTRACT. AND SOME PEOPLE CAME UP TO DISCUSS SOME OF  
10 THE PROBLEMS THAT HAD BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT IN THE TIME AND  
11 NEWSWEEK ARTICLE AND THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE  
12 REGISTRAR WAS HERE, CONNIE MCCORMICK. BUT INSTEAD OF  
13 ADDRESSING THAT SITUATION, I BELIEVE THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS ADDRESSED THE SITUATION REGARDING 250,000 ABSENTEE  
15 BALLOTS THAT HAD GONE MISSING OR WERE MISAPPROPRIATED AND  
16 FOUND IN A WAREHOUSE THAT WERE TOO LATE TO BE DELIVERED. SO  
17 I'M CONCERNED FOR TWO THINGS. A, THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS HAS A PLAN OR THE VOTER REGISTRATION OFFICE HAS A  
19 PLAN THAT IN CASE SOME MORE ABSENTEE BALLOTS GO MISSING, THAT  
20 THEY HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE TO RECTIFY THAT SITUATION. AND I'D  
21 ALSO LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT THE FACT THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT TO THE  
22 ATTENTION BY YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THAT ONE OF YOUR  
23 CONSTITUENTS HAD CALLED YOUR OFFICE. AND I WAS JUST CURIOUS TO  
24 FIND OUT, WE NEVER DID FIND OUT IF THE CONSTITUENT GOT HIS  
25 ABSENTEE BALLOT IN TIME TO VOTE FOR LAST YEAR'S PRIMARY



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1 ELECTION IN JUNE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU.

2 ELIZABETH DOMMEYER?

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4 **ELIZABETH JANE DOMMEYER:** YES, MY NAME IS ELIZABETH JANE  
5 DOMMEYER. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE COUNTY IS CONSIDERING THE USE  
6 OF A DIEBOLD GEMS 2 CENTRAL TABULATOR FOR COUNTING BALLOTS. I  
7 HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL NOT ALLOW THE USE OF  
8 THIS PARTICULAR MACHINE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. DIEBOLD  
9 MACHINES HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO BE EASILY HACKABLE IN BOTH THE  
10 PRINCETON UNIVERSITY STUDY AND THE RECENT TOP TO BOTTOM REVIEW  
11 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE. THE REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED THIS YEAR.  
12 THE M.T.S. SYSTEM, WHICH IS THE SYSTEM THE COUNTY IS USING  
13 PRESENTLY, IS, I BELIEVE, A BETTER CHOICE IF IT IS CERTIFIED  
14 BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE BECAUSE THE TECHNICIANS AND  
15 PROGRAMMERS WHO SERVICE THE M.T.S. SYSTEM ARE CIVIL SERVICE  
16 EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY AND ARE THEREFORE, HOPEFULLY, HAVE  
17 IMPARTIALITY AND INTEGRITY THAT WE CAN RELY UPON. WHEREAS THE  
18 DIEBOLD MACHINES WOULD HAVE DIEBOLD PROGRAMMERS AND  
19 TECHNICIANS WHO WOULD SERVICE THE MACHINES. AND DIEBOLD IS  
20 NOTORIOUS FOR HAVING A POLITICAL AFFILIATION. THERE WOULD BE  
21 NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COUNTY IF YOU MAINTAIN THE CURRENT  
22 M.T.S. SYSTEM. THERE WOULD BE NO FUNDS NEEDED FOR CAPITAL  
23 OUTLAY FOR A NEW SYSTEM. AND I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COUNTY WAS  
24 NOT GOING TO BE USING THE EARLY TOUCH -- EARLY VOTING USING  
25 THE DIEBOLD TOUCH SCREEN SYSTEM. MR. LOGAN SORT OF INDICATED



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1 THAT THERE COULD BE SOME EARLY VOTING. I HAD HOPED THAT THE  
2 EARLY VOTING WOULD BE DISCONTINUED. I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD  
3 STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION FOR THE COUNTY. ALTHOUGH I DO  
4 UNDERSTAND THAT FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE VISUALLY IMPAIRED, IT  
5 MIGHT BE A GOOD THING FOR THEM.

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. JUST SO WE'RE  
8 CLEAR, THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE BOARD IS BEING ASKED TO  
9 MAKE AND THE BOARD IS POISED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY  
10 OF STATE SAYING THIS, IS THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO USE GEMS 2  
11 NEXT YEAR. THAT WE ARE GOING TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF EARLY  
12 VOTING TOUCH SCREEN VOTING EXCEPT FOR THE ONE AT THE BRAILLE  
13 INSTITUTE, WHICH WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE SECRETARY OF  
14 STATE. SHE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON THAT ONE SO  
15 THAT IT IS AIRTIGHT. WE CAN PROBABLY MANAGE ANY CONDITIONS ON  
16 ONE TOUCH SCREEN MACHINE. SO ALL OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE  
17 ASKED FOR ARE EXACTLY WHAT WE ARE COMMUNICATING TO THE  
18 SECRETARY OF STATE. FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR OF 2008. WHAT HAPPENS  
19 AFTER THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT HER FINDINGS ARE. OKAY, THANK YOU.  
20 MARTHA MADISON?

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22 **MARTHA MADISON:** YES, HI. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
23 SPEAK. I AM MARTHA MADISON, I'M A MEMBER OF PROTECT CALIFORNIA  
24 BALLOTS. I HAVE SOME CONCERNS. I OPPOSE THE CONTINUED USE OF  
25 THE E.S.&S. INKAVOTE PLUS SCANNER. IN THE SUMMER TOP DOWN



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1 REVIEW BY DEBRA BOWEN, OUR SECRETARY OF STATE, SHE MANDATED  
2 THAT NO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WITH WIRELESS CAPACITY CAN BE  
3 USED. THIS E.S.&S. INKAVOTE PLUS SCANNER HAS A MODEM WHICH IS  
4 WIRELESS FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT AREN'T TECH SAVVY. AND I WOULD  
5 LIKE TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE REVERSE YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO USE  
6 IT. AND ALSO SINCE THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS HOLDING THE  
7 HEARINGS ON CERTIFICATION, I'M WONDERING, ON NOVEMBER 6TH,  
8 JUST SIX DAYS NOW, I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU'RE ASKING FOR  
9 APPROVAL OF THIS. MAYBE YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS BEING  
10 WIRELESS IN THE MANDATE. AND ALSO I HAVE ANOTHER CONCERN.  
11 LET'S SEE HERE. I DO PROMOTE, I RECOMMEND HAND-COUNTED BALLOTS  
12 AT THE PRECINCT. IT IS 100 PERCENT ACCURATE. TWO TEAMS COUNT.  
13 IT'S A BLIND DOUBLE PROCESS. IT'S DEMOCRATIC. 78 PERCENT OF  
14 ALL DEMOCRACIES HAND COUNT THEIR BALLOTS. AND IT'S ONE TENTH  
15 THE COST OF ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS. ALSO, I WOULD LIKE TO  
16 SAY WHAT HAS HAPPENED WHEN WE DO USE THE INKAVOTE. THEY HAVE  
17 OUT OF THE 360 REPORTS, A THIRD OF THE TIME THEY FAILED. THEY  
18 JAMMED, THEY DIDN'T TURN ON, THEY WORKED INTERMITTENTLY AND  
19 REJECTED BALLOTS. NEW HAMPSHIRE USES HAND COUNTED BALLOTS WITH  
20 THREE TIMES MORE BALLOTS THAN CALIFORNIA. CALIFORNIA HAS 300  
21 TO 400 BALLOTS OVER AT OUR PRECINCT. NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS 1,000.  
22 AND SO THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO USE DEMOCRACY AND OUR MONEY. THANK  
23 YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
24  
25 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. AND JUDY ALTER.



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**JUDY ALTER:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I DID AN ANALYSIS OF THE MANUAL ONE PERCENT COUNT IN 2005 TO SEE HOW ACCURATELY THE HAND COUNT AND THE M.T.S. COUNTED BALLOTS MATCHED. AND THE AVERAGE I FOUND IN 2005 WAS THAT THE HAND COUNT AND COMPUTER COUNT MATCHED 28 PERCENT OF THE TIME. I NOW HAVE A FULL REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS OF THE PRIMARY AND THE GENERAL ELECTION IN 2006 DONE BY A PROFESSIONAL, A STATISTICIAN AND I WILL GIVE YOU THE REPORT WHEN I GET FIVE COPIES PRINTED. BUT I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU THE RESULTS. HE DID, FIRST HE DID A LINE BY LINE ANALYSIS OF -- IS ANYBODY LISTENING?

13

**CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, WE'RE ALL LISTENING.

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**JUDY ALTER:** OF THE MANUAL. AND THAT MEANS EVERY ENTRY, INCLUDING ZEROS WHERE NOBODY VOTED. AND 87 PERCENT OF THE HAND COUNT MATCHED. THAT MEANS, I MEAN 81. 19 OUT OF EVERY 100 VOTES WAS NOT COUNTED ACCURATELY IN A LINE BY LINE ENTRY. BUT AT THE CONTEST LEVEL, ONLY 14 PERCENT MATCHED. CONTEST MEANING ALL THE PEOPLE IN EACH CONTEST MATCHED THE HAND COUNT AND THE COMPUTER COUNT. THE PRIMARY HAD MORE PROBLEMS. 87 PERCENT HAD DISCREPANCIES.

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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME JUST UNDERSTAND SOMETHING,  
2 MISS ALTER. ARE YOU OPPOSING THE LETTER THAT WE ARE PROPOSING  
3 TO SEND TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE DISCONTINUING THE USE OF THE  
4 GEMS?

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6 **JUDY ALTER:** I THINK THE M.T.S. MUST BE EXAMINED FOR ITS  
7 ACCURACY AND INACCURACY BECAUSE IT ADDS VOTES. IT'S FOUND TO  
8 HAVE ADDED UP TO 142 VOTES THAT AREN'T THERE ON THE HUMAN  
9 BEINGS LOOKING AT THOSE BALLOTS. ONE IN 19 BALLOTS DON'T GET  
10 COUNTED ACCURATELY. MY TIME IS UP, CAN I FINISH THIS?

11

12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD I'LL GIVE YOU MORE TIME BECAUSE  
13 I INTERRUPTED YOU, I'M SORRY. GIVE HER 30 SECONDS.

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15 **JUDY ALTER:** HERE IT IS. WE EXPECT 1 IN 100 VOTES TABULATED BY  
16 THE COMPUTER TO BE INCORRECT, EITHER NOT SEEN OR ADDED. BUT WE  
17 SEE THE M.T.S. ADDS VOTES AT A RATE OF 3 IN EVERY 1,000 VOTES  
18 CAST. AND THE UNDER VOTE, WHERE IT DOESN'T READ ACCURATELY, IS  
19 7 IN EVERY 1,000. NOW, THE ERROR RATE THAT'S PERMISSIBLE IS 1  
20 IN -- THE HAVA RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE ERROR RATE HAS TO BE  
21 1 IN 500,000. THERE IS NO SET GUIDELINE IN CALIFORNIA. BUT  
22 THIS IS SO WAY BEYOND THE ACCURACY LEVEL THAT'S EXPECTED IN  
23 ANY KIND OF COUNT. WE HAVE TO HAVE A WAY TO COUNT MORE  
24 ACCURATELY.

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1   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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3   **JUDY ALTER:** AND I'LL GIVE YOU THE WHOLE STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

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5   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** PLEASE. GIVE IT TO THE SERGEANT. HE'LL  
6   GIVE IT TO ME. THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE  
7   US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? KNABE MOVES. I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT  
8   OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM NUMBER 9?

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12   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 9? WHY DON'T WE TAKE UP 14 AT THE  
13   SAME TIME SO THAT ARNOLD SACHS CAN BE HEARD ON BOTH OF THEM.  
14   HE'S THE PERSON WHO'S ASKED TO BE HEARD.

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16   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ITEM NUMBER 9 JUST INVOLVES  
17   SOME FUNDING. THERE WAS AN ARTICLE I BELIEVE IN THE "DAILY  
18   BREEZE" OVER THE WEEKEND REGARDING THE TWO SOLDIERS WHO DIED  
19   IN AMBUSH IN AFGHANISTAN, ONE BEING FROM TORRANCE AND ONE  
20   BEING FROM LOMITA. AND THE LETTER WRITER WROTE IN EXPRESSING  
21   HOW UPSET HE WAS DUE TO THE FACT THAT SOLDIER IN TORRANCE  
22   RECEIVED A MILITARY -- AN HONOR GUARD FROM THE TORRANCE POLICE  
23   DEPARTMENT. YET THE SOLDIER WHO RESIDED IN LOMITA, THERE WAS  
24   NO POLICE HONOR GUARD FOR THE CASKET ON ITS TRIP FROM LONG  
25   BEACH BACK TO THE SOUTH BAY, AND THAT BEING BECAUSE THE



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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS IN CHARGE OF PATROLLING LOMITA. AND SO  
2 I WOULD COME BEFORE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ASK  
3 THAT WHEN SOLDIERS WHO ARE KILLED IN ACTION AND THEIR  
4 COMMUNITY IS REPRESENTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A  
5 SHERIFF'S HONOR GUARD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ESCORT THE CASKET  
6 ALONG WITH WHATEVER ELSE IS INVOLVED FROM THE AIRPORT BACK TO  
7 THE COMMUNITY THAT THE SOLDIER HAD RESIDED IN. THAT'S MY  
8 COMMENTS ON ITEM NUMBER 9. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, I WAS JUST  
9 CURIOUS TO FIND OUT IF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS  
10 HEARD ANYTHING BACK FROM THE CITY OF DOWNEY REGARDING THE  
11 COUNTY'S REQUEST FOR THEM TO INCREASE THEIR AMBULANCE CREWS  
12 AND THEIR AMBULANCE SERVICE, BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN SO GREATLY  
13 IMPACTED BY THE CLOSURE OF M.L.K. AND THE FACT THAT NOW THEIR  
14 PARAMEDICS ARE GOING EVEN FURTHER AND TAKING LONGER TIMES TO  
15 COMPLETE THEIR AMBULANCE RUNS, AND NOT BEING AVAILABLE FOR THE  
16 CITY AND THE COMMUNITY OF DOWNEY AS THEY ORIGINALLY WERE.  
17 THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** BY THE WAY, I'M MEETING WITH THE CITY OF DOWNEY  
20 TOMORROW.

21

22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO ITEM NUMBER 9, ANTONOVICH  
23 MOVES, KNABE SECONDS; UNANIMOUS VOTE. ON ITEM NUMBER 14.  
24 MOLINA MOVES, BURKE SECONDS; UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 51.

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3    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** EXCUSE ME, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE  
4    BOARD. ON ITEM 9, IT ALSO RELATES TO ITEM 50.

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6    **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT MOTION APPLIES TO BOTH ITEM 9  
7    AND NUMBER 50.

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9    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 51?

12

13   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. DR. CLAVREUL AND MR. SACHS?  
14   WHO IS GOING TO GIVE THE REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT? LET'S  
15   HEAR THAT FIRST. GO AHEAD.

16

17   **JOHN COCHRAN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M HERE TO  
18   SPEAK ABOUT THE M.L.K. CONTINGENCY REPORT AND ALSO TO UPDATE  
19   YOUR BOARD ON THE STATUS OF THE REOPENING PROCESS THE  
20   DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GOING THROUGH WITH HAMMES COMPANY. WE HAVE  
21   FILED A WRITTEN REPORT ON THE M.L.K. CONTINGENCY. THERE'S  
22   THREE ITEMS I'D LIKE TO SINGLE OUT. THE FIRST IS THAT THE  
23   URGENT CARE AT THE M.L.K. M.A.C. HAS HAD AN INCREASE IN VISIT  
24   ACTIVITY FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK. OUR OUTPATIENT PRIMARY AND  
25   SPECIALTY VISITS HAVE ALSO INCREASED ABOUT 10 PERCENT FROM THE



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1 PREVIOUS WEEK. AND DR. CHERNOF AND DR. SPLAWN RECENTLY MET  
2 WITH THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE  
3 IMPACT OF THE E.R. CLOSURE AT M.L.K. AND TO WORK WITH THEM TO  
4 IDENTIFY WAYS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT ON THE E.M.S. SYSTEM, IN  
5 PARTICULAR, THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE HERE EARLIER IN THE  
6 MONTH TALKING ABOUT THE IMPACT ON THEIR OPERATIONS. AND  
7 FINALLY I'D LIKE TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT THE REOPENING PROCESS.  
8 WE CONDUCTED A PUBLIC SOLICITATION THROUGH A REQUEST FOR  
9 SOLUTIONS. WE HAD FIVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUBMITTED PROPOSALS.  
10 FOUR OF THOSE ORGANIZATIONS FAILED TO MEET THE MINIMUM  
11 REQUIREMENTS IN THAT THEY DID NOT SUBMIT A HOSPITAL OPERATOR  
12 WITH THEIR PROPOSAL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE REQUIREMENTS, THAT  
13 THEY HAD TO HAVE A HOSPITAL THAT WOULD OPERATE THE M.L.K.  
14 FACILITY. THE FIFTH PROPOSAL DID SUBMIT A HOSPITAL OPERATOR,  
15 THAT SPECIFIC HOSPITAL OF LONG BEACH PACIFIC OPERATES A 184-  
16 BED LICENSED HOSPITAL IN NORTH LONG BEACH. THEY IDENTIFIED THE  
17 MANAGEMENT WITH HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE AND THEY HAD THE  
18 DEMONSTRATED FINANCIAL STABILITY. SO THEY ARE ONE OF THE FIVE  
19 THAT SUBMITTED PROPOSALS THROUGH THE R.F.S. THAT WILL GO TO  
20 THE NEXT STEP. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ALSO SOLICITED  
21 OPERATORS, THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST,  
22 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY THIS  
23 MORNING CONFIRMED THAT THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
24 OPERATING THE REOPENED M.L.K. HOSPITAL, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE AND  
25 HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH US AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO IDENTIFY



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1   WAYS THAT ST. FRANCIS AND ST. VINCENT'S CAN CONTINUE TO MEET  
2   THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF SOUTH LOS ANGELES. THEY ARE A VALUABLE  
3   PARTNER OF OURS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING TO WORK  
4   WITH THEM. CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST HAS INDICATED THEY INTEND  
5   TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT STEP OF THE PROCESS, AND THEY HAVE  
6   ASKED HAMMES COMPANY FOR SERVICE, FINANCIAL, AND PHYSICAL  
7   PLANT INFORMATION TO CONDUCT THEIR REVIEW. FINALLY, UNIVERSITY  
8   OF CALIFORNIA HAS INDICATED THEIR INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR  
9   PROCESS. THEY HAVE SENIOR STAFF WORKING WITH US TO EVALUATE  
10   THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS THEY WOULD HAVE TO  
11   REOPEN THE HOSPITAL. THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IS  
12   EVALUATING THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL AS A U.C. SYSTEM INITIATIVE  
13   THAT WOULD NOT INVOLVE THE LOS ANGELES CAMPUS, THAT'S U.C.L.A.  
14   IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'RE LOOKING IT AS A U.C. SYSTEM  
15   INITIATIVE, NOT THE U.C.L.A., PARTICULARLY. U.C.L.A. IS NOT  
16   INVOLVED. THE NEXT STEPS OF THIS PROCESS WILL BE FOR HAMMES  
17   COMPANY TO PREPARE INFORMATION THAT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO  
18   THE THREE ORGANIZATIONS, PACIFIC, C.H.W. AND U.C. INCLUDED IN  
19   THAT ARE OPERATIONAL, FINANCIAL AND SEISMIC EVALUATION OF THE  
20   BUILDINGS. THEY'VE ASKED FOR OUR SEISMIC EVALUATIONS. THE  
21   SCHEDULE THAT HAMMES IS OPERATING UNDER, WHICH REFLECTS THE  
22   REQUEST MADE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA TO HAVE UNTIL THE  
23   END OF JANUARY, IS TO HAVE THE REVIEWS COMPLETED, THEIR  
24   REVIEWS COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, JANUARY 11TH, AND



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1 A RECOMMENDATION FROM HAMMES FOR THE SELECTION OF THE HOSPITAL  
2 OPERATOR BY THE END OF THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE END OF JANUARY?

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6 **JOHN COCHRAN:** THE END OF THE MONTH OF JANUARY, JANUARY 31ST.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT IS THE TIMELINE FROM THAT SUBMITTAL  
9 AT THE END OF JANUARY TO A DECISION BEING MADE?

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11 **JOHN COCHRAN:** I BELIEVE THAT'S GOING TO BE A JOINT PROCESS  
12 BETWEEN YOUR BOARD AND ALSO THE OPERATORS' REQUESTS OF THE  
13 COUNTY THAT WE'LL HAVE TO REVIEW WHAT EXACTLY IT IS THEY'RE  
14 ASKING US FOR.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO AFTER IT COMES TO THE BOARD, THEN IT GOES  
17 BACK TO THE OPERATOR?

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19 **JOHN COCHRAN:** HAMMES WILL SUBMIT A RECOMMENDATION TO THE  
20 BOARD. DEPENDING UPON YOUR ACTION ON THAT RECOMMENDATION,  
21 THERE WOULD THEN BE A PROCESS BY WHICH WE WOULD NEGOTIATE, THE  
22 COUNTY WOULD NEGOTIATE A FINAL AGREEMENT WITH THAT OPERATOR  
23 AND BRING BACK TO THE BOARD.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THAT INFORMATION WOULDN'T BE KNOWN PRIOR  
2   TO THE FINAL NEGOTIATIONS, WOULD IT NOT? I MEAN WE'RE  
3   APPROVING THE BOILERPLATE AS JUST THE SPECIFICS WHEN THEY COME  
4   ON BOARD AND WHATEVER, IS THAT WHAT WE'RE EXAMINING AND  
5   RECOMMENDING OR IMPLEMENTING? HOW DOES IT BECOME IMPLEMENTED?

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7   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE INTENT, AND I HOPE TO ACHIEVE THIS BEFORE,  
8   MY GOAL IS TO ACHIEVE THIS BEFORE THE END OF JANUARY, WE'D  
9   LIKE TO DO IT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE WHEN THE NEW CALENDAR YEAR  
10   STARTS TO IDENTIFY THE NEW PROVIDER FOR THE KING/DREW MEDICAL  
11   CENTER. IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE THIS ALONG AS QUICKLY AS  
12   POSSIBLE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE BOARD TO  
13   HAVE THIS DONE 12 MONTHS FROM I BELIEVE IT WAS LAST AUGUST,  
14   VERY EARLY AUGUST. AND SO ONCE WE IDENTIFY THAT NEW PROVIDER,  
15   WE WILL AGGRESSIVELY WORK WITH THAT ENTITY TO DEVELOP A  
16   TIMELINE FOR REOPENING THE FACILITY. BECAUSE ONCE WE ALL REACH  
17   AGREEMENT, THEN WE'LL MOVE FORWARD AND MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE FACILITY WE'RE LOOKING AT IN THIS  
20   CONTRACT IS THE EMERGENCY ROOM? OR IS THAT A COMPONENT? OR ARE  
21   WE LOOKING AT THE OPERATION OF THE M.A.C.?

22

23   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S ONE QUESTION THAT WILL HAVE TO BE  
24   RESOLVED THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS. WE ARE LOOKING AT AN  
25   EMERGENCY ROOM, AN ACUTE CARE FACILITY, THEN ALSO A M.A.C. AND





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1 THE QUESTION WOULD BE: WOULD THE M.A.C. BE A COUNTY-RUN  
2 FACILITY? OR WILL IT BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSAL WITH THE NEW  
3 PROVIDER?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IF THERE'S GOING TO BE  
6 ADDITIONAL FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS, WHY DID THE OTHER THREE OR  
7 FOUR NOT QUALIFY TO BE INCLUDED IN THOSE FUTURE DISCUSSIONS?  
8 LOOKING AT IT FROM MY POSITION IS: WOULD WE NOT, AFTER YOU  
9 EXPLORED ALL THAT INFORMATION, TYPE OF SERVICE WE WANTED, THEN  
10 MAKE A RECOMMENDATION AND SUBMIT IT TO THE BOARD INSTEAD OF  
11 JUST SAYING "WE'RE GOING TO PURSUE CONTINUED DIALOGUE WITH ONE  
12 OR TWO"?

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14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN MY OPINION, AND WE'LL BE HAPPY TO BRING IN  
15 THE HAMMES FOLKS AND SIT DOWN POSSIBLY IN A CLOSED SESSION  
16 ITEM TO HAVE A VERY THOROUGH DISCUSSION. BUT IN MY OPINION, AT  
17 THIS POINT GIVEN OUR OVERALL GOAL AND THE TYPE OF FACILITY WE  
18 FELT COLLECTIVELY THAT SHOULD BE AT KING/DREW AND FOR THIS  
19 COMMUNITY, THE OTHER PROPOSERS DIDN'T MEET THE BASIC  
20 REQUIREMENTS. AND SO WHY GO DOWN THAT ROAD WHEN WE SHOULD  
21 FOCUS ON THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST VIABLE OPPORTUNITY AND WITH  
22 THAT, THE ABILITY TO RUN THE FACILITY THAT WE NEED FOR THAT  
23 COMMUNITY.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID THE OTHER PROPOSALS DISCUSS IMPLEMENTING  
2   AN EMERGENCY ROOM?

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4   **JOHN COCHRAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOUR OF THE FIVE  
5   PROPOSALS THAT WERE SOLICITED THROUGH THE REQUEST FOR  
6   SOLUTIONS PROCESS DID NOT IDENTIFY THEIR QUALIFICATIONS TO  
7   OPERATE A HOSPITAL. THEY DID NOT IDENTIFY A HOSPITAL OPERATOR  
8   WITH EXPERIENCE OPERATING AN INPATIENT HOSPITAL AND AN  
9   EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. AND THAT WAS ONE OF THE MINIMUM  
10   REQUIREMENTS IN OUR PROPOSAL, ONLY ONE, PACIFIC, WHICH  
11   OPERATES A HOSPITAL, HAD IDENTIFIED HOW THEY WOULD GO ABOUT  
12   THIS WORK.

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14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY WOULD THEY SUBMIT A PROPOSAL IF THEY  
15   DIDN'T HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS TO HOW THEY COULD  
16   ACCOMPLISH WHAT THE BOARD AND THE COMMUNITY IS EXPECTING?

17

18   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION. THEY WEREN'T READY. AS  
19   A CONSEQUENCE BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T READY BECAUSE THE INITIAL  
20   PROPOSAL DIDN'T MEET OUR BASIC REQUIREMENTS. I THINK IT'S A  
21   GOOD DECISION NOT GO FORWARD WITH THOSE ENTITIES, BUT TO FOCUS  
22   ON THOSE WHO HAVE THE COMPETENCE, THE ABILITY AND THE  
23   WHEREWITHAL TO DO IT.

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25   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE MY QUESTIONS.



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2 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? MR.  
3 KNABE?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I'D REALLY LIKE TO GET A REPORT BACK, I  
6 THINK ALL OF US WOULD. SOME OF THE THINGS -- YOU KNOW, WE SORT  
7 OF KEEP BEING TOLD EACH WEEK THAT EVERYTHING IS COOL,  
8 EVERYTHING IS GOING ALONG A-OK. BUT THERE'S SOME ISSUES  
9 BUBBLING, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO THE E.R. AT THE HARBOR  
10 U.C.L.A. THEY ARE BUBBLING BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY. AND I'D  
11 REALLY LIKE TO GET AN UPDATE AS TO WHERE THINGS ARE AND WHAT  
12 THE ISSUES ARE OUT THERE BECAUSE IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T MATCH UP  
13 WITH WHAT WE'RE BEING TOLD HERE EACH AND EVERY WEEK.

14

15 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY. WE CAN DO THAT.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. WE HAVE SOME  
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO WANTED TO BE HEARD. DR. CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD  
19 SACHS? DR. CLAVREUL STILL HERE? ALL RIGHT. MR. SACHS.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU AGAIN. VERY QUICKLY,  
22 ANY STATUS ON COUNTY MOVING TO OPEN UP ANY CLINICS IN THE  
23 M.L.K. AREA? OR JUST FOCUSING ON REOPENING M.L.K. AS A  
24 FUNCTIONING HOSPITAL? AND THE COUNTY BUDGETS \$240 MILLION FOR  
25 THE OPERATION OF M.L.K. IN ADDITION TO THE FUNDING IT GOT FROM



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1 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO OVERSEE THE PLAN TO REORGANIZE  
2 M.L.K. WHAT'S THE AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING FUNDED FOR THE --  
3 THAT'S BEEN SPENT SO FAR? CAN WE GET A REPORT FROM A BUDGETARY  
4 STANDPOINT ON WHAT MONEY HAS GONE INTO M.L.K.? THAT'S ALL I  
5 HAVE. THANK YOU.

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7 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. SO THIS ITEM WILL BE NOTED  
8 AND FILED. ALL RIGHT. I'LL MOVE IT. NOTE AND FILE. SECONDED BY  
9 MOLINA.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NUMBER 3?

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13 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NUMBER 3. I HAD AN AMENDMENT THAT I WANT  
14 TO MAKE. I WANT TO STRIKE THE AMENDMENT THAT WAS READ IN  
15 EARLIER. SO WE'LL START WITH THE ORIGINAL BOARD REPORT OR  
16 BOARD LETTER AND I WOULD ADD ON ITEM 3 THE FOLLOWING. AFTER  
17 THE WORD "CONTRACT" IN THE FIRST LINE, I WOULD ADD "SUBJECT TO  
18 APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF THE MAXIMUM CONTRACT SUM AND TERM  
19 PRIOR TO EXECUTION." I THINK THAT WOULD BE A COMMA AND THEN IT  
20 WOULD GO ON. I HAVE IT HERE IN WRITING. I THINK IT WAS WORKED  
21 OUT WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND EVERYBODY THAT WAS INTERESTED  
22 IN THAT ISSUE SO I THINK THAT SOLVES THAT PROBLEM. SO WE NOW  
23 HAVE THAT ITEM AS IT STANDS. WE HAD ARNOLD SACHS. WANT TO BE  
24 HEARD.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** CAN I JUST--

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3    **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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5    **SUP. KNABE:** IN THE ORIGINAL AMENDMENT THAT WAS ADDED IN  
6    EARLIER ABOUT THE \$200,000 MAX-- WAS THAT MAX, UP TO? WHERE IS  
7    THAT MONEY COMING FROM? WHICH POT?

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9    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF YOU NOTICE THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE THAT THE  
10   CHAIR ADDED TO THIS MOTION, IT'S YOUR INTENT THAT WE'LL COME  
11   BACK AND GIVE YOU THE TOTAL COST, THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THOSE  
12   COSTS AND HOW THAT MONEY WILL BE USED.

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14   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WHERE'S THAT \$200,000 THAT WAS MENTIONED IN  
15   THAT PREVIOUS AMENDMENT COMING FROM?

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17   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WE TOOK THAT AMENDMENT OUT. THERE'S NO  
18   LONGER REFERENCE TO IT.

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20   **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONE THAT WAS READ EARLIER?

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22   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** I JUST TOOK IT OUT AND IT'S BEEN  
23   SUBSTITUTED WITH THE LANGUAGE I JUST READ. SO THAT THAT ISSUE  
24   AND ALL THE OTHER MONEY ISSUES CAN BE ANSWERED. ALL RIGHT MR.  
25   SACHS?



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**ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, SIR, THANK YOU. VERY QUICKLY. IN THE  
ARTICLE IN TODAY'S L.A. TIMES, IT MENTIONS SOME INFORMATION  
REGARDING THIS. AND I JUST HAVE A FEW QUESTIONS. IT GOES ON TO  
TALK ABOUT COMMON GROUND, HAS A LONG TRADITION OF THE SHELTER-  
TYPE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE IN NEW YORK, AND CLAIMS IT  
HAD A 95 PERCENT SUCCESS RATE OF GETTING PEOPLE OFF THE  
STREETS IN THE TIMES SQUARE AREA. WHAT DOES THAT EQUATE OUT  
INTO ACTUAL NUMBERS? BECAUSE THE ARTICLE IN THE L.A. TIMES  
ALSO STATES THERE'S 70,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. BUT  
THERE AREN'T 70,000 HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN SKID ROW.  
NUMBERS GET THROWN AROUND. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 50 PEOPLE, I  
BELIEVE THAT BECAUSE OF THE INITIATIVE DONE BY THE L.A. POLICE  
DEPARTMENT, THAT THE SKID ROW POPULATION HAS DECREASED  
DRAMATICALLY. I'M NOT SAYING THAT IT'S NOT THERE, BUT WHAT IS  
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IN SKID ROW? 50  
PEOPLE? IS IT LIKE 3,000, 4,000, 7,000 PEOPLE? IS IT LESS THAN  
50 PEOPLE? IT WOULD BE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION,  
EVEN HALF A PERCENT. AND ALSO I JUST WAS CURIOUS TO FIND OUT  
IF THE L.A.H.S.A. IN THE AGENDA ITEM, IS THAT A NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION? THANK YOU. OH, ONE OTHER THING, PLEASE. HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU, AND A VERY NICE WEEKEND.

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1   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** GREAT, THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. WE HAVE THE  
2   ITEM BEFORE US. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION? IF NOT, I'LL MOVE IT.  
3   MOLINA SECONDS.

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5   **SUP. KNABE:** AS AMENDED, RIGHT?

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7   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** AS AMENDED BY MY AMENDMENT. AND WITHOUT  
8   OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. LET ME JUST THANK THE STAFF SO FAR  
9   FOR ALL THE WORK THEY'VE DONE. AND I KNOW THAT SOME OF THE  
10  PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO HAVE WAIVED THEIR  
11  DESIRE TO SPEAK IN THE INTEREST OF TIME. THEIR WORK HAS BEEN  
12  HELPFUL, TOO. SO WE'RE ON OUR WAY. THANK YOU. NEXT ITEM, MR.  
13  ANTONOVICH.

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15  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S THE LAST ONE. EXCEPT I HAVE ANOTHER  
16  ADJOURNMENT. HELOISE COHEN SOUBLET, WHO WAS THE 91 YEAR OLD  
17  MOTHER OF A CLASSMATE OF MINE AND FRIEND OF MANY OF YOURS, PAT  
18  GUINN, WHO WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR 39 YEARS. SHE PASSED WAY  
19  THIS MORNING IN NEW ORLEANS. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO  
20  DAUGHTERS, FOUR SONS, 13 GRANDCHILDREN AND 20 GREAT  
21  GRANDCHILDREN. PAT GUINN.

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23  **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. THAT WAS SUPERVISOR  
24  MOLINA, ANY AN ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN THIS MORNING IN  
2    THE MEMORY OF C.H.P. OFFICER DON G. WELSH, A BELOVED FRIEND OF  
3    MY STAFF MEMBER, ERIKA BANEGAS. OFFICER WELSH. WHO  
4    UNEXPECTEDLY PASSED AWAY, WAS A DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT  
5    OFFICER WHO DUTIFULLY SERVED THE EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY.  
6    HE WAS GREATLY ADMIRER BY HIS SUPERVISORS AND COLLEAGUES IN  
7    HIS EFFORTS TO PROVIDE SAFETY, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY THAT  
8    TOUCHED MANY LIVES AND WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. WE WANT TO  
9    EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, AND HIS FRIENDS,  
10    AND HIS COLLEAGUES AS WELL. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
11    ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LONG TIME FIRST DISTRICT RESIDENT TED  
12    C. RAMOS, WHO WAS A SENIOR PASTOR FOR TEMPLO DE LA FE, A  
13    SPANISH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD IN POMONA. HE AND HIS WIFE, THE  
14    REVEREND EVA RAMOS, SERVED TOGETHER AS SENIOR AND ASSOCIATE  
15    PASTORS AT THEIR CHURCH FOR THE LAST 29 YEARS. THEY FOUNDED  
16    THEIR "FEED THE HOMELESS" MINISTRY IN 1998. WHICH LED TO  
17    EFFECTIVE OUTREACH THROUGHOUT SOUTH POMONA. THEIR EXTENSIVE  
18    VOLUNTEER AND HOLIDAY PROGRAMS SERVED THOUSANDS OF THE  
19    COUNTY'S UNDERPRIVILEGED RESIDENTS AND THE PROGRAMS ALSO HELP  
20    TO SERVE AND HELPED RECONCILE MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES, TREAT  
21    DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ASSIST IN RUNAWAY YOUTH. I WANT TO  
22    EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, FRIENDS, AS WELL  
23    AS THE PARISHIONERS.  
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1 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. ARE  
2 YOU HOLDING ANYTHING? GLORIA, ARE YOU HOLDING ANYTHING?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN  
7 MEMORY OF LEE M. GRANGER, THE MOTHER-IN-LAW OF PAT MILLER'S  
8 DAUGHTER KIM. AND SHE'S A NEW YORK CITY RESIDENT WHO PASSED  
9 AWAY ON NOVEMBER 9TH AT THE AGE OF 93. SHE SUPPORTED AND  
10 SERVED ON A VARIETY OF BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE  
11 SOCIETY OF MEMORIAL SLOAN-KETTERING CANCER CENTER, THE BOYS  
12 CLUB OF NEW YORK AND THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DRAMATIC ARTS.  
13 SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER SON THOMAS CLYDE AND WIFE  
14 CHRIS; SON, D. MASON GRANGER; AND WIFE, KIM; BROTHER, JONATHAN  
15 MASON AND A HOST OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS. GLEN ALVIS CONNELL,  
16 UNCLE OF LUPE CARRILLO IN MY OFFICE. MR. CONNELL WAS A LONG  
17 TIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY,  
18 NOVEMBER 19TH AT THE AGE OF 74. HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE KOREAN  
19 WAR WHERE HE SERVED AS A PARATROOPER AND ALSO VETERAN OF THE  
20 VIETNAM WAR SERVING IN THE NAVY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS  
21 MEMORY HIS WIFE, CONSUELO CONNELL, A DAUGHTER, RUTH ELENA  
22 WIGGENS, AND A SON, JAMES CONNELL.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** I ALSO WANT TO JOIN IN THAT BECAUSE IT IS ALSO THE  
2   UNCLE OF A MEMBER OF MY STAFF AS WELL, TOO, ADRIANNA. THANK  
3   YOU.

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5   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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7   **SUP. BURKE:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ITEMS I'M HOLDING. I HAVE  
8   SOMETHING I WAS GOING TO READ IN BUT I DON'T SEE IT. MAY I  
9   JUST?

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11   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE, GO AHEAD.

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13   **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL PASS IT OUT. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS  
14   RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING HEALTHCARE TO ONE OF THE LARGEST  
15   MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE POPULATIONS IN THE NATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF  
16   PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AND HEALTH SERVICE REPORT THAT OVER  
17   1,600,000 INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN MEDI-CAL PROGRAMS IN LOS  
18   ANGELES COUNTY SERVING OUR MOST VULNERABLE POPULATION. YOU  
19   KNOW, I WON'T GO THROUGH THIS WHOLE THING. BUT WHAT THE GIST  
20   OF IT IS THAT IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE DON'T GET THE SAME  
21   RATE OF REIMBURSEMENT ON MEDI-CAL THAT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
22   GETS. AND WHAT WE'RE ASKING HERE IS TO DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO  
23   PREPARE AND SEND A FIVE SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND  
24   THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DELEGATION IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE,  
25   THE CALIFORNIA STATE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



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1 AND ALL MEMBERS OF C.M.E.C. EXPRESSING THE BOARD'S GRAVE  
2 CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THE DISPARITY IN THE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM  
3 AND THE T.A.R. DENIAL RATE AND REQUEST ADMINISTRATIVE OR  
4 LEGISLATIVE RELIEF WHICH WOULD YIELD PARITY ON BOTH ISSUES,  
5 AND ASK THAT THE C.E.O. REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH HIS  
6 FINDINGS AT JANUARY 22ND, 2008 MEETING. THIS ALSO -- THIS IS  
7 VERY SERIOUS IN TERMS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND THE  
8 DISPARITIES. DISPARITY IN TERMS OF THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE BUT  
9 ALSO DISPARITY IN TERMS OF THE DENIAL OF MEDICAID CLAIMS. SO  
10 THIS IS SOMETHING WE NEED TO PUT OUR ATTENTION ON.

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12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THIS WILL BE ON FOR NEXT WEEK?

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14 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S A REPORT. FIVE SIGNATURES-- IT'S ON FOR NEXT  
15 WEEK, THAT'S FINE.

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17 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** YEP. OKAY. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
18 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF PAUL NUNEZ, WHO WAS A LONG-TIME  
19 RESIDENT OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, A RETIRED EMPLOYEE OF THE  
20 GENERAL MOTORS IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY WHEN IT WAS THERE.  
21 WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
22 CONCHITA, DAUGHTER GEORGIA REYES WHO HAS BEEN A VALUED MEMBER  
23 OF MY STAFF SINCE I SERVED IN THE CITY COUNCIL. TWO SONS, SAM  
24 AND PAUL, AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN, MANY, RACHEL, AND ANGELICA.  
25 ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. WITHOUT OBJECTION,



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1 UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE HAD ONE ITEM, 43, SUPERVISOR MOLINA YOU  
2 WERE HOLDING?

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT. I DID HOLD THAT ITEM. I DID, I'M SORRY.

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6 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** NO PROBLEM.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF I COULD HAVE TRISH?

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10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** TRISH PLOEHN?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** TRISH PLOEHN TO COME UP AND JOIN US? THIS IS THE  
13 ISSUE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES  
14 AND THEIR CASELOADS. IF YOU REMEMBER NOT TOO LONG AGO, WE HAD  
15 SOME OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAD STAGED A WALKOUT ON THE NUMBER OF  
16 CASES THAT THEY WERE HOLDING AND YET AT THE SAME TIME EVERY  
17 TIME WE LOOK AT THESE CASELOADS AND HAVE A REVIEW,  
18 PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE ARE PROBLEMS, WE FIND THAT ON AVERAGE,  
19 THEY DON'T -- AGAIN WHETHER YOU HAVE 20 OR 20 VERY DIFFICULT  
20 CASES OR 30, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT IT IS. BUT THIS IS MORE  
21 DEALING WITH THE ISSUE OF COMPLETION OF THOSE VISITS ON A  
22 MONTHLY BASIS. NOW, I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE MADE TREMENDOUS  
23 IMPROVEMENTS. AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU REVIEWED ALL OF THOSE  
24 RECORDS BECAUSE I THINK THAT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR US TO  
25 UNDERSTAND. AND EVERY TIME WE HAVE A PROBLEM OF THIS TYPE AND



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1 WE LOSE A CHILD OR THERE'S BEEN A PROBLEM, I THINK IT'S  
2 WORTHWHILE TO GO BACK AND TO LOOK AT AND SEE HOW THE SOCIAL  
3 WORKER HAS BEEN DOING WITH CARING FOR OTHER CHILDREN. SO I'D  
4 LIKE YOU TO EXPLAIN TO ME THE VISITATION POLICY AS IT IS TODAY  
5 AND WHAT THE EXPECTATION IS, AND THE KIND OF GOALS THAT YOU'RE  
6 GOING TO BE ACHIEVING THROUGH THIS, I GUESS IT'S A NEW POLICY  
7 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING IN PLACE.

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9 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** CERTAINLY. OUR VISITATION POLICY HAS BEEN IN  
10 PLACE SINCE JANUARY OF 2003. AND BASICALLY WHAT IT DOES, IT  
11 OUTLINES THE NUMBER OF VISITS THAT A SOCIAL WORKER SHOULD MAKE  
12 WITH A CHILD, IT'S SOMEWHERE BETWEEN ONE AND THREE. THE  
13 MAJORITY OF OUR CHILDREN ARE SEEN MONTHLY. THE FEDERAL  
14 STANDARD FOR CHILD WELFARE IS 90 PERCENT COMPLIANCE WITH THAT  
15 VISITATION RATE. THAT'S HOW THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE  
16 STATE GOVERNMENT JUDGES US WHEN THEY AUDIT US, AT 90 PERCENT.  
17 HOWEVER, IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP  
18 IS BETWEEN THE SOCIAL WORKER AND THE CHILD. THAT IS WHAT IS  
19 GOING TO GET US SAFE CHILDREN, THAT IS WHAT IS GOING TO GET US  
20 FAMILIES TOGETHER. THAT'S WHAT IS GOING TO ACHIEVE US BEING  
21 ABLE TO GET CHILDREN INTO PERMANENT HOMES. SO BASED ON THAT,  
22 WE HAVE SET AN EXPECTATION THAT WE WILL HAVE 100 PERCENT  
23 VISITATION FOR OUR CHILDREN. UNLESS THERE'S CLEAR  
24 DOCUMENTATION THAT SAYS THAT THAT VISIT COULDN'T OCCUR. THAT  
25 WOULD BE IN CASES SUCH AS THE CHILD'S BEEN ABDUCTED, THE



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1 CHILD'S A RUNAWAY, THE CHILD IS ON A COURT ORDERED VACATION  
2 OUT OF THE STATE. OTHERWISE, IT'S EXPECTED THAT EVERY CHILD  
3 WILL BE SEEN 100 PERCENT OF THE TIME ON A MONTHLY BASIS. IN  
4 JULY OF THIS YEAR, WE STARTED THE NEW DATA REPORT SYSTEM THAT  
5 INCLUDES CHILD COMPLIANCE DATA. AND THAT IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL  
6 OF OUR MANAGERS, INCLUDING OUR DEPUTY DIRECTORS. AND SO WE GO  
7 OVER THAT COMPLIANCE RATE EVERY MONTH NOW. IT IS DRILLED ALL  
8 THE WAY DOWN FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE  
9 SOCIAL WORKER AND BACK UP AGAIN. AND BASICALLY THE NEW PROCESS  
10 THAT IS BEING INITIATED IS THAT -- AND THIS IS EFFECTIVE  
11 DECEMBER 1ST, IS THAT EVERY MONTH EACH SOCIAL WORKER WILL  
12 DOCUMENT ANY MISSED VISITS. THAT INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED UP  
13 TO THE SUPERVISOR, TO THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, TO  
14 THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS OUR OFFICE HEAD, AND THEN  
15 ON UP TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SO THAT THERE WILL BE CLEAR  
16 ACCOUNTABILITY ALL THE WAY UP AND DOWN THE LINE TO MAKE SURE  
17 THAT EVERY CHILD IS VISITED THAT CAN BE VISITED. AND THAT IF  
18 THERE IS A MISSED VISIT, THAT THEN ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO  
19 ADDRESS IT.

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21 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, WELL I APPRECIATE IT. BECAUSE WE REALLY  
22 SHOULD HAVE ZERO TOLERANCE AS FAR AS THE ISSUES OF  
23 VISITATIONS. IT CAN BE A PROCESS THAT CAN BE VERY THOROUGH AND  
24 VERY HELPFUL TO ALL OF US. BUT AGAIN, IF IN FACT IT IS MISSED  
25 FOR WHATEVER REASON, AND I THINK THIS IS A QUESTION I WAS





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1 ASKING MY STAFF, IF IN THE ONE MONTH, IF YOU HAVE 29 CASES AND  
2 YOU DO 27, DO THE OTHER TWO KICK UP SO THAT THEY ARE REVIEWED  
3 FIRST? I MEAN IF THERE IS A CASELOAD PROBLEM, LIKE, FOR  
4 EXAMPLE, THIS MONTH, I MEAN, NOVEMBER HAS SO MANY DAYS OFF.  
5 AND IT WILL PROBABLY, IF YOU HAVE A CASELOAD OF 29 AND YOU  
6 NORMALLY HAVE BEEN DOING IT ON A 20 OR 25-DAY BASIS, NOW  
7 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SITUATION WHERE IT'S MUCH SHORTER. DOES  
8 THAT MEAN THAT THE ROTATION FOR THAT CHILD WOULD CHANGE SO  
9 THAT HOPEFULLY THESE CHILDREN ARE NOT GOING TO BE AT THE END  
10 OF THE LINE AGAIN FOR VISITATION?

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12 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** I THINK THAT UP UNTIL THIS NEW PROCESS, IT  
13 WAS KIND OF LEFT UP TO A SUPERVISOR TO OVERSEE THAT. WITH THIS  
14 NEW PROCESS, BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO BE TRACKED AND SENT UP AND  
15 DOWN THE LINE OF MANAGEMENT, I CAN SAY THAT, YES, THAT WOULD  
16 CERTAINLY -- IF THERE WAS A CHILD THAT WAS IDENTIFIED THAT FOR  
17 SOME REASON A VISIT WAS MISSED, THEN THAT CHILD WOULD BE  
18 PRIORITIZED TO MAKE SURE THAT INDEED, THEY WEREN'T AT THE END  
19 OF THE NEXT MONTH BUT THEY WERE AS SOON AS THAT WAS IDENTIFIED  
20 THAT VISIT HAD BEEN MISSED.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT WE SEE WITH REGARD  
23 TO THESE MAINTENANCE VISITATIONS FOR ALL OF THESE CHILDREN,  
24 WHY ARE THE FEDERAL AND STATE STANDARDS, 90 PERCENT? I MEAN,  
25 THAT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. IT SEEMS AS THOUGH 90 PERCENT



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1 MEANS YOU'RE ONLY DOING 90 PERCENT OF THAT WORK. WHAT'S THE  
2 REASON? IS IT A FUNDING ISSUE, OR WHAT IS IT?

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4 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** I CAN ONLY GUESS WHAT THE FEDERAL AND THE  
5 STATE GOVERNMENT WAS THINKING. BUT I WOULD ASSUME THAT WAS TO  
6 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THOSE VISITS THAT COULD NOT BE MADE.  
7 THE ABDUCTIONS, THE RUNAWAYS. I DON'T THINK THAT THERE WAS  
8 BUILT-IN AN "OUT" THAT IT WAS OKAY TO MISS THE VISIT IF THAT  
9 CHILD WAS ACTUALLY AVAILABLE TO BE SEEN. THERE ARE, OF COURSE,  
10 SITUATIONS WHERE SOCIAL WORKERS LEAVE OR GET SICK. AND THEY  
11 MAY HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTING FOR SOME OF THAT, AS WELL. BUT PART  
12 OF THE COMMUNICATION THAT I'M SENDING OUT IS A REMINDER THAT I  
13 DON'T WANT THE SOCIAL WORKERS TO PUT THEIR VISITS OFF TO THE  
14 END OF THE MONTH BECAUSE IF THEY DO THAT AND THEN SOMETHING  
15 GOES WRONG, THEN THEY HAVE MISSED THAT VISIT. SO THAT WILL ALL  
16 BE MONITORED AGAIN ALL THE WAY UP THROUGH OUR SYSTEM.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ARE SUPERVISORS BEING TRAINED SO THAT THEY  
19 CAN MANAGE THOSE VISITS EFFECTIVELY IF SOMETIMES THEY NEED TO  
20 ASSIST A SOCIAL WORKER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE ACHIEVING  
21 THEIR GOALS? ARE THEY TRAINED WELL ENOUGH TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE  
22 TO THOSE? BECAUSE WHEN WE HAVE A PROBLEM, WE SEE THAT THE  
23 SOCIAL WORKER, IN MANY INSTANCES, IS ISOLATED, FOR WHATEVER  
24 THE REASON IS. I MEAN I THINK THAT THEY NEED MORE SUPPORT FROM  
25 THEIR MANAGEMENT ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES. AND I'M NOT SO SURE



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1 THAT THE SUPERVISORS ARE TRAINED IN ORDER TO HELP THEM AS WELL  
2 WITH RESOURCES OR MAYBE THINNING OUT OTHER KINDS OF  
3 RESPONSIBILITIES TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE GETTING THEIR CASELOADS  
4 DONE, WHICH IS THEIR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY.

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6 **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** YES, THEY ARE TRAINED. I MEAN, THERE'S  
7 CLASSROOM TRAINING SUPERVISORS GO TO WHEN THEY FIRST BECOME A  
8 SUPERVISOR. THERE IS ALSO THE MENTORING BY THE MANAGERS THAT  
9 ARE IN THAT OFFICE. AND I THINK THAT WHAT THIS NEW PROCESS  
10 WILL ASSIST US WITH IS -- I MEAN THE BOTTOM LINE IS YOU  
11 INSPECT WHAT YOU EXPECT. AND SO BECAUSE THERE WILL NOW BE  
12 DOCUMENTATION GOING UP AND DOWN, IT WILL BE ON EVERYBODY'S  
13 RADAR SCREEN. THE SUPERVISOR KNOWS THAT IF THERE IS A MISSED  
14 VISIT, THEIR MANAGER IS GOING TO SAY "WHAT HAPPENED HERE?" AND  
15 THEIR MANAGER IS GOING TO ASK. SO I THINK JUST CALLING  
16 ATTENTION TO IT AND HAVING EVERYBODY FOCUS IN ON THE  
17 IMPORTANCE OF THAT VISITATION AND THAT RELATIONSHIP IS GOING  
18 TO IMPROVE OUR COMPLIANCE. WE'VE BEEN FUNCTIONING AT A 90 PLUS  
19 PERCENT RATE OF VISITATION ON AN ONGOING BASIS, BUT I THINK  
20 THIS WILL INCREASE IT.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND WITH REGARD TO THE VACANCIES WITHIN THE  
23 DEPARTMENT, ARE YOU WORKING ON THAT? I MEAN THERE'S QUITE A  
24 FEW.

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1   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** ACTUALLY, WE AS OF I THINK IT WAS LAST WEEK,  
2   WE HAD REDUCED -- WE HAD 161 C.S.W. VACANCIES ABOUT THREE  
3   WEEKS AGO AND I BELIEVE THERE WAS -- IT HAD BEEN REDUCED TO  
4   77, AND 35 OF THOSE ACTUALLY WERE HIRED IN THE ACADEMY. SO WE  
5   HAVE MADE A LOT OF PROGRESS GETTING THE SOCIAL WORKERS ONLINE.

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7   **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR REPORT. I  
8   APPRECIATE IT.

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10   **PATRICIA PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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12   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? IF NOT,  
13   DO WE HAVE THE ITEM BEFORE US? MOLINA MOVES, KNABE SECONDS;  
14   WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. BEFORE WE GET TO THE PUBLIC  
15   COMMENT, LET ME JUST--

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17   **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE SOME ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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19   **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, I'M SORRY. I FORGOT DON. COULD WE  
20   JUST RATIFY THE ACTION OF HAVING LOWERED THE FLAGS TO HALF  
21   MAST LAST WEEK IN MEMORY OF FORMER CONGRESSMAN GUS HAWKINS.  
22   AND I BELIEVE THE SERVICES WERE HELD ON FRIDAY. I BELIEVE THE  
23   FLAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO FULL MAST AT THIS TIME. WITHOUT  
24   OBJECTION, I'LL MOVE IT. KNABE SECONDS, UNANIMOUS VOTE. MR.  
25   KNABE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. I WOULD MOVE THAT WE

3 ADJOURN TODAY IN THE MEMORY OF LENORE CELSA ARCE, A LONG TIME

4 RESIDENT OF SOUTH BAY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE VERY YOUNG AGE OF

5 67, ON NOVEMBER 2ND. SHE LOVED PHOTOGRAPHY, READING, AND

6 CHEERING FOR HER CHILDREN IN ALL OF THEIR VOLLEYBALL

7 ENDEAVORS. SHE TOUCHED MANY LIVES WITH HER GENEROUS SPIRIT AND

8 BEAUTIFUL SMILE. LENORE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, ANGEL;

9 SON, RICK; DAUGHTER, LISA, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, TWO BROTHERS AND

10 SIX SISTERS. ALSO COULD WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HARVEY

11 WAGGONER. HARVEY PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 7TH IN LONG BEACH AT THE

12 AGE OF 85. HE WAS BORN AND RAISED IN OKLAHOMA AND HE SERVED IN

13 THE MARINE CORPS AND TRAINED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY FLIGHT

14 TRAINING PROGRAM, AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL TO GET HIS BACHELORS

15 AND MASTER'S DEGREE IN MUSIC. THROUGH HIS EFFORTS AND

16 COMMITMENT, HE LED THE LONG BEACH CIVIC LIGHT OPERA

17 ASSOCIATION FOR OVER 30 YEARS. IN 1972 THE THEATER RECEIVED A

18 LOS ANGELES DRAMA CRITICS AWARD FOR BEST MUSICAL THEATER. HE

19 ALSO RECEIVED THE MUSICAL THEATER WEST DISTINGUISHED PATRON OF

20 THE ARTS AWARD. HIS OTHER JOYS WERE THE LOVE HIS FAMILY, POOL,

21 AND WRITING. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS, LOIS AND WILLA,

22 MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS, STEPDAUGHTER, GRANDDAUGHTER, EIGHT

23 GREAT NIECES AND NEPHEWS, AND 14 GREAT-GREAT NIECES AND

24 NEPHEWS. HARVEY WAS JUST AN INCREDIBLE CIVIC SERVANT THERE IN

25 THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. AND HIS IMPACT ON THE ARTS ARE NOT



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1 ONLY IN CITY OF LONG BEACH BUT THROUGHOUT THE REGION, WERE  
2 JUST HIGHLY RECOGNIZED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. HE WILL BE  
3 MISSED. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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5 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE  
6 HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WISH TO BE HEARD ON  
7 PUBLIC COMMENT. DR. JEFF BRONSTEIN AND ELI SERCARZ. HERE THEY  
8 COME. DR. BRONSTEIN?

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10 **DR. JEFF BRONSTEIN:** ACTUALLY MAYBE DR. SERCARZ.

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12 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICHEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST.

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14 **DR. ELI SERCARZ:** GOOD EVENING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ELI  
15 SERCARZ, A RESIDENT OF TOPANGA CANYON. I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF  
16 THE U.C.L.A. FACULTY SINCE 1963 AND MY RESEARCH IS IN THE AREA  
17 OF IMMUNOLOGY. I'M NOW THE DIRECTOR OF IMMUNE REGULATION AT  
18 THE TORREY PINES INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR STUDIES. I'VE BECOME  
19 GREATLY TROUBLED AFTER HEARING A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO THAT  
20 FLUORIDE WAS GOING TO BE ADDED TO THE TOPANGA WATER SUPPLY.  
21 INITIALLY I, AS MANY OTHERS SEEMED TO HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY  
22 ABOUT THIS. BUT WARNINGS FROM THE AUTHORITIES THAT RENAL  
23 PATIENTS AND INFANTS AND BABIES WERE PARTICULARLY SUSCEPTIBLE  
24 MADE ME LOOK INTO THE AVAILABLE LITERATURE. AFTER CAREFUL  
25 STUDY, I'M CONVINCED THAT THE ADDITION OF HYDROFLUOSILICIC



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1 ACID WOULD CONSTITUTE A DANGER FOR NUMEROUS SUSCEPTIBLE  
2 MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION AS WELL AS MYSELF. I'M A STAGE 4  
3 RENAL CANCER PATIENT WITH ONE KIDNEY REMAINING WHICH BEARS  
4 SEVERAL CYSTS. I ALSO HAVE A SPONDYLITIS ARTHRITIC CONDITION  
5 AS WELL AS SOME CARDIOLOGICAL PROBLEMS. THERE ARE  
6 APPROXIMATELY 100,000 RENALLY COMPROMISED PATIENTS IN LOS  
7 ANGELES COUNTY, NOT AN INCONSIDERABLE NUMBER. I CANNOT BELIEVE  
8 THAT THE SUPERVISORS WERE WILLING TO SPONSOR THE ADDITION OF  
9 THE MATERIAL WITH THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE HARM TO SEVERAL  
10 SUBPOPULATIONS WITHOUT HAVING OBTAINED DOCUMENTATION THAT THE  
11 ADDITION OF HYDROFLUOSILICIC ACID WAS BOTH EFFECTIVE IN  
12 PREVENTING TOOTH DECAY AS WELL AS BEING COMPLETELY SAFE TO ALL  
13 SENSITIVE INDIVIDUALS. IN FACT, IT IS NEITHER. I'VE LEARNED  
14 FROM TOPANGA COLLEAGUES THAT DESPITE NUMEROUS REQUESTS FOR  
15 DOCUMENTATION OF SUCH STUDIES, NONE HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING. WHY  
16 IS THIS? I HEREBY JOIN THIS DEMAND TO RECEIVE EVIDENCE FOR ITS  
17 SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS AS REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA LAW. IF IT  
18 WERE ADDED TO BOTTLED WATERS FOR TOOTH PROTECTION IT COULDN'T  
19 BE SOLD BECAUSE THE F.D.A. WOULDN'T ALLOW IT WITHOUT ADEQUATE  
20 SAFETY DATA. I DIDN'T START --

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22 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD. FINISH YOUR COMMENTS.

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24 **DR. ELI SERCARZ:** FURTHERMORE, I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE  
25 GOVERNMENT WILL BE DOING FOR THE NUMEROUS SUSCEPTIBLE





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1 INDIVIDUALS. FLUORIDE CAN ALSO BE ABSORBED THROUGH THE SKIN.  
2 BABIES ARE GIVEN FREQUENT BATHS. I HAVE SEVERAL BATHS WEEKLY  
3 WHICH RELIEVE MY ARTHRITIS. WHERE ARE THE QUANTITATIVE DATA  
4 REGARDING THE DERMAL PASSAGE OF THIS SUBSTANCE? THE BOARD  
5 SHOULD CREATE AN AGENDA TO WARN SUSCEPTIBILITIES WHETHER THEY  
6 CAN DRINK AND BATHE IN THE PUBLIC WATER WITHOUT ADVERSE  
7 EFFECTS. IN CONCLUSION, THERE IS MUCH CURRENT SCIENCE THAT  
8 SUPERSEDES THE OLDER, POORLY CONTROLLED STUDIES OF 50 AND 60  
9 YEARS AGO. WHAT WAS A SCIENTIFIC FACT AT ONE TIME BECOMES  
10 OUTMODED AS NEW EVIDENCE IS BROUGHT FORWARD. SUCH IS THE CASE  
11 HERE. RECENT EVIDENCE IS DETAILED IN THE 500-PAGE MONOGRAPH  
12 PUBLISHED LAST YEAR BY THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL. EACH  
13 CHAPTER FOCUSES ON A DIFFERENT ORGAN SYSTEM INDICATING THE  
14 FLOWS IN THE CURRENT THINKING SUGGESTING WHICH NEW EXPERIMENTS  
15 ARE NEEDED, TO DETAIL THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE  
16 ADDITION OF FLUORIDE TO THE DRINKING WATER. THIS IS NO TIME  
17 FOR THE BOARD TO BE PLAYING DOCTOR BY HARKENING BACK TO  
18 ANCIENT REMEDIES. THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE SHOULD BE TO DO NO  
19 HARM. THANK YOU.

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21 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JUST SO YOU UNDERSTAND, THE  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS NOT VOTED TO FLUORIDATE ANYBODY'S  
23 WATER. YOUR TOPANGA WATER, YOUR WATER DISTRICT IS A CUSTOMER  
24 OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT, WHICH IS A PUBLIC AGENCY,  
25 WHICH IS THE AGENCY THAT VOTED TO FLUORIDATE THE WATER. SO I



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1 UNDERSTAND THERE'S SOME PEOPLE HAVE THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT WHAT  
2 WE DID AT THE FIRST FIVE COMMISSION, BUT THIS BOARD HAS NOT  
3 VOTED TO FLOURIDATE WATER NEITHER DID THE FIRST FIVE  
4 COMMISSION. SO YOUR VIEWS SHOULD BE SHARED WITH THEM AS WELL,  
5 AND WITH YOUR WATER DISTRICT AS WELL. BUT I JUST WANTED TO  
6 MAKE THAT CLEAR BECAUSE YOU HAD TWICE MENTIONED THAT THE BOARD  
7 SHOULD NOT DO IT. THE BOARD DID NOT DO IT. DR. BRONSTEIN?

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9 **DR. JEFF BRONSTEIN:** YEAH, I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR  
10 LETTING ME BE HEARD AND JUST COMMENT. I'M A PROFESSOR OF  
11 NEUROLOGY AND MOLECULAR TOXICOLOGY AT U.C.L.A., SO I TEACH  
12 THIS STUFF. AND THE FIRST THING WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE  
13 FLUORIDATION ISSUE WAS EXACTLY WHAT MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES  
14 WERE. THIS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE. IT'S SAFE. IT HELPS TOOTH  
15 DECAY. MAYBE THERE ARE A FEW EXTREMISTS, YOU KNOW, TOPANGA  
16 PEOPLE HAVE EXTREMISTS THAT ARE REALLY GETTING UPSET OVER  
17 NOTHING. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK INTO THE DATA, WHICH IS WHAT I  
18 ASKED MY STUDENTS TO DO, WHAT ARE THE FACTS? AND EVERYBODY  
19 THAT TALKS ABOUT FLUORIDE HELPING TOOTH DECAY, ESPECIALLY FOR  
20 UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, GOES BACK TO A FEW STUDIES THAT WERE  
21 DONE IN THE 50S AND 60S THAT WERE REALLY POORLY DONE. AND IF  
22 YOU LOOK AT THE RECENT STUDIES, AND WHEN I SAY RECENT, 25, 30  
23 YEARS, THEY SHOW VERY LITTLE EVIDENCE OF EFFICACY AT ALL.  
24 THERE'S HUGE DECLINES IN TOOTH DECAY REGARDLESS OF  
25 FLUORIDATION. BUT THE EVIDENCE HAS REALLY BEEN ACCRUING THAT



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1 THERE'S REAL SAFETY CONCERNS. THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES  
2 SPONSORED THIS. IT WAS AN OBJECTIVE LOOK AT THE SAFETY ISSUES.  
3 AND THERE ARE HUGE SAFETY ISSUES. SO WE'RE ACTIVELY DOING HARM  
4 AND NOT DOING WHAT I THINK WE ALL THINK WE WANT TO DO, WHICH  
5 IS HELP, ESPECIALLY UNDERSERVED AREAS. SO IT REALLY NEEDS A  
6 FRESH LOOK. AND I THINK IT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT FROM A  
7 SCIENTIFIC BASIS AND NOT AN EMOTIONAL BASIS. AND I CAN'T TELL  
8 YOU HOW MANY PEOPLE I'VE TALKED TO.

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10 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD REALLY BE WELCOME, NOT ON AN  
11 EMOTIONAL BASIS.

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13 **DR. JEFF BRONSTEIN:** AND I WOULD BE HAPPY TO HELP AND MY  
14 TOXICOLOGY COLLEAGUES TO HELP DO THAT.

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16 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANYBODY ELSE WHO  
17 WISHES TO BE HEARD FROM THE PUBLIC? WE HAVE NO OTHER CARDS.  
18 THANK YOU BOTH FOR BEING HERE. I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. WE  
19 HAVE NO CLOSED SESSION TODAY.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE IS NO CLOSED SESSION.

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23 **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONLY OTHER THING WE HAVE TO DO IS TO  
24 WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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1     **SUP. KNABE:** HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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3     **CHAIRMAN YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL GET SOME REAL WORK DONE NOW. THANK  
4     YOU. WE ARE AN ADJOURNED.

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